

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 1013**

H. P. 810

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Hughes of Auburn, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. LaPlante of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Make Arson a Class A Crime under the Maine Criminal Code.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1.** 17-A MRSA § 801, as amended by PL 1977, c. 510, § 66, is repealed.

**Sec. 2.** 17-A MRSA § 802, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is amended to read:

3. Arson is a Class ~~B~~ A crime.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make all forms of arson Class A crimes. In light of the change in the penalty for violating Title 17-A, section 802, the crime of aggravated arson, Title 17-A, section 801, becomes superfluous, since the same conduct is covered, in more general terms, in Title 17-A, section 802.