

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

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7 H.P. 1459

House of Representatives, February 24, 1986

8 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
9 pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Nelson of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative Kane of So. Portland.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT to Amend the Criminal Code to Redefine
18 Victim.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 17-A MRSA §454, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
23 352, §1, is amended to read:

24 3. "Victim" means a person who suffers bodily
25 injury, death ~~or~~, economic loss or any infringement
26 or attempted infringement of any of the personal or
27 property rights protected by Maine criminal laws, the
28 infringement or attempted infringement having been
29 incurred as a result of a crime or the good faith ef-
30 fort of any person to prevent a crime.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The original definition of the word "victim" failed to protect many potential targets of the tamperer; for example: Victims of "offensive physical contact" assaults; sex crimes where no bodily injury occurs; burglary where no property is taken; prior tampering crimes; verbal harassment; robbery where no property is taken; and any victim of an attempted crime.

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