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S.P. 423

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An Act to Protect Landlords from Certain Types of Fraud.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and 1200 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.

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

4 Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §908 is enacted to read:

6 **§908. Rental housing fraud**

8 1. A person is guilty of rental housing fraud if, with
10 intent to defraud, that person obtains rental housing that the
person knows is available only for compensation and that person
by deception avoids payment for that housing.

12 2. Rental housing fraud is:

14 A. A Class D crime if the value of the rental housing
exceeds \$500; or

16 B. A Class E crime if the value of the rental housing does
18 not exceed \$500.

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill establishes the crime of rental housing fraud when
24 a person, with the intent to defraud, obtains rental housing and
by deception avoids paying rent.