

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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No. 1218

S.P. 359

In Senate, February 25, 1997

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### An Act to Expand the Harassment Laws.

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Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich and  
Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: FRECHETTE of Biddeford,  
McALEVEY of Waterboro, OTT of York, POVICH of Ellsworth, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

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4       Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §506-A, sub-§§1-A and 1-B are enacted to read:

6       1-A. In addition to the prohibition specified in subsection  
8 1, an adult person in the custody of the Department of  
10 Corrections is guilty of harassment if, without reasonable cause,  
12 that person engages in any course of conduct with the intent to  
14 harass, torment or threaten another person, after having been  
16 forbidden to do so by the Commissioner of Corrections or the  
18 chief administrative officer of the facility housing the person  
20 or the designee of either.

22       1-B. In addition to the prohibition specified in subsection  
24 1, an adult person under the supervision of the Department of  
26 Corrections is guilty of harassment if, without reasonable cause,  
28 that person engages in any course of conduct with the intent to  
30 harass, torment or threaten another person, after having been  
32 forbidden to do so by the Commissioner of Corrections or the  
34 regional correctional administrator or the designee of either.

24   SUMMARY

26       This bill provides that an adult person in the custody of  
28 the Department of Corrections may be forbidden to engage in  
30 harassment by the Commissioner of Corrections or the chief  
32 administrative officer of the facility housing the adult person  
34 or their designees as well as a sheriff, deputy sheriff,  
36 constable, police officer, justice of the peace or a court. It  
also provides that an adult person under the supervision of the  
Department of Corrections may be forbidden to engage in  
harassment by the commissioner or the regional correctional  
administrator or their designees.