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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 69, L.D. 82, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Prohibiting Terrorizing"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §210, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1977, c. 671, §§23 and 24, is further amended to read:

I. A person is guilty of terrorizing if he that person communicates to any person a threat to commit or to cause to be committed a crime of violence dangerous to human life, against the person to whom the communication is made or another, and the natural and probable consequence of such a threat, whether or not such consequence in fact occurs, is:

A. To place the person to whom the threat is communicated or the person threatened in reasonable fear that the crime will be committed; or

B. To cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public transport or to cause the occupants of a building to be moved to or required to remain in a designated secured area.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill may increase prosecutions for Class C crimes. Sentences of more than nine months imposed for Class C crimes must be served in state correctional institutions. The cost to the State per sentence is \$61,894 based upon an average length of stay of 2 years and 3 months. The State also must reimburse counties for sentences served in county jails of 9 months or less for Class C crimes.

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The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund appropriations to cover indigent defense costs related to these new cases. The amounts can not be estimated at this time. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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The amendment replaces the bill and includes in the crime of criminal terrorizing a threat whose natural and probable consequence is to cause the occupants of any building to be moved to or required to remain in a designated secured area.

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