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H.P. 69

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

An Act to Amend the Laws Prohibiting Terrorizing.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Representatives: McALEVEY of Waterboro, MUSE of South Portland,
PEAVEY of Woolwich, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator: MURRAY of Penobscot.

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

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

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

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

16 B. To cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or
18 facility of public transport; ~~or~~

20 C. To cause a building that can't reasonably be evacuated,
22 such as a prison, nursing home or hospital, to be secured so
that the people in the building are forced to remain in a
24 designated secured area.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 Current law includes in the crime of criminal terrorizing a
threat of violence whose natural and probable consequence is to
30 cause the evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility
of public transport. This bill expands the crime to include such
32 a threat whose natural and probable consequence is to secure
buildings that can't be evacuated, such as prisons, nursing homes
34 or hospitals.