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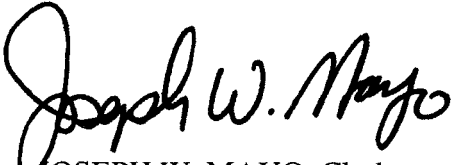
No. 390

H.P. 282

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

**An Act Defining Witness, Informant and Victim for the Crime of
Tampering with a Witness, Informant or Victim Under the Criminal Code.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§14-A is enacted to read:**

6 14-A. "Informant" means a person who volunteers material
8 information of law violations to law enforcement officers or
10 agencies.

12 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§25 is enacted to read:**

14 25. "Witness" means a person who is present and personally
16 sees or perceives an event or has personal knowledge of a
18 material fact, whether or not that person is formally called or
20 listed as a witness.

22 **Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §454, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:**

24 3-A. For purposes of this section, "victim" has the same
26 meaning as in section 1171, subsection 2.

28 **SUMMARY**

This bill defines the terms "witness" and "informant" under the Maine Criminal Code. This bill also clarifies the term "victim" for the crime of tampering with a witness, informant, victim or juror.