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House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

An Act to Rename the Harassment Based on Characteristic Law.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SCHNEIDER of Durham.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA c. 93-C** is amended by repealing the chapter
headnote and enacting the following in its place:

6 **CHAPTER 93-C**

8 **INTERFERENCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS**

10 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §2931, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 695,
12 §5, is further amended to read:

14 **§2931. Prohibition**

16 **Ne A person may not**, by force or threat of force,
intentionally injure, intimidate or interfere with, or
intentionally attempt to injure, intimidate or interfere with or
18 intentionally oppress or threaten any other person in the free
exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege, secured to him
20 that person by the Constitution of Maine or laws of the State or
by the United States Constitution or laws of the United States.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 **This bill changes the crime of harassment based on**
26 **characteristics to interference with constitutional and civil**
rights to more accurately reflect these prohibited offenses.