

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 1925

S.P. 675

In Senate, March 17, 1999

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### An Act to Deter Environmental Terrorism in the State.

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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 CAMERON of Rumford and  
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KIEFFER of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin,  
PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CLARK of Millinocket,  
PLOWMAN of Hampden, STANLEY of Medway.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §210, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:**

6 1-A. A person is guilty of environmental terrorizing if  
8 that person communicates to another person a threat to commit or  
10 cause to be committed a crime of violence dangerous to human life  
12 or destructive to property or business practices, for the primary  
14 purpose of expressing a perspective on an environmental or  
16 natural resource issue against a person or business and the  
18 natural and probable consequence of such a threat is:

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

26 B. To cause injury in fact to persons or damage to property  
28 or business; or

30 C. To cause an interruption in business that results in  
32 loss of revenues or compensable damages.

34 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §210, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL**  
36 **1977, c. 510, §45, is amended to read:**

38 **2. Violation of subsection 1, paragraph A, is a Class D**  
crime. Violation of subsection 1, paragraph B, or subsection 1-A  
is a Class C crime.

### SUMMARY

This bill establishes the crime of environmental terrorizing, which is the destruction of property or the interference with a place of business's normal course of business by individuals or groups for the primary purpose of making a political statement on natural resource and environmental issues. Environmental terrorizing is a Class C crime.