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SENATE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 623, L.D. 823, Bill, "An Act to Discourage Environmental Terrorism"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Discourage Ecoterrorism'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §210. sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. A person is guilty of committing ecoterrorism if that person commits, for the primary purpose of protesting the practices of a person or business with respect to an environmental or natural resource issue, a crime of violence dangerous to human life or a crime that is destructive to property or business practices or knowingly exposes an animal to a contagious or infectious disease and the result is:

A. An injury in fact to a person;

B. In the case of a crime that is destructive to property or business practices, a threat to public health or safety; or

C. To expose an animal in the State to a contagious or infectious disease, including foot-and-mouth disease.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 623, L.D. 823

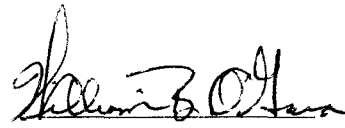
This subsection does not apply to a person who is protesting the practices of a business during a labor dispute, strike or lockout at that business as provided under Title 26.'

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that the provisions of the bill do not apply to a person who is protesting the practices of a business during a labor dispute, strike or lockout at that business.

This amendment requires that the damage to property or business practices as a result of a crime that is destructive to property or business practices must create a threat to public health or safety in order for it to be considered ecoterrorism.

This amendment includes knowingly exposing an animal to a contagious or infectious disease as a crime of ecoterrorism.

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