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House of Representatives, February 20, 2003

An Act To Protect Children in Protection from Abuse Proceedings

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative KETTERER of Madison.
Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and
Representatives: LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, McGLOCKLIN of Embden,
PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4002, sub-§1, ¶¶E and F,** as enacted by PL
5 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, are amended to
6 read:

7 E. Communicating to a person a threat to commit, or to
8 cause to be committed, a crime of violence dangerous to
9 human life against the person to whom the communication is
10 made or another, and the natural and probable consequence of
11 the threat, whether or not that consequence in fact occurs,
12 is to place the person to whom the threat is communicated,
13 or the person against whom the threat is made, in reasonable
14 fear that the crime will be committed; or

15 F. Repeatedly and without reasonable cause:

16 (1) Following the plaintiff; or

17 (2) Being at or in the vicinity of the plaintiff's
18 home, school, business or place of employment; or

19 **Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §4002, sub-§1, ¶G** is enacted to read:

20 G. Threatening a minor family or household member's mental
21 or emotional well-being by exposing that minor to anything
22 that would constitute abuse of another family or household
23 member under paragraphs A to F.

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25 **SUMMARY**

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27 This bill amends the definition of "abuse" for purposes of
28 protection from abuse orders to include threatening a minor's
29 mental or emotional well-being by exposing that minor to the
30 abuse of a family or household member of that minor.
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