

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

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Legislative Document

No. 1182

S.P. 386

In Senate, March 6, 2003

### **An Act To Change the Definition of Family or Household Members for Purposes of Criminal Statutes**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety 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 LaFOUNTAIN of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and  
Senator: MAYO of Sagadahoc.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §15, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2001, c.  
6       667, Pt. A, §34, is further amended by amending subparagraph  
8       (5-A) to read:

10               (5-A) Assault, criminal threatening, terrorizing,  
12               stalking, criminal mischief, obstructing the report of  
14               a crime or injury or reckless conduct if the officer  
16               reasonably believes that the person and the victim are  
18               family or household members, as defined in Title 15  
20               19-A, section ~~321~~ 4002, subsection 4;

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**SUMMARY**

24       This bill changes the definition of "family or household  
26       members" in the laws governing when a law enforcement officer may  
28       arrest a person without a warrant for certain crimes between  
30       family or household members to include individuals presently or  
32       formerly living together and individuals who are or were sexual  
34       partners.