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In Senate, December 30, 2005

An Act To Deter Environmental Terrorism in the State

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, FLOOD of Winthrop, JODREY of Bethel, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

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

2	Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §210, sub-§3 is enacted to read:
4	bee. 1. 17-11 William galv, sub-35 is enacted to read.
•	3. A person is guilty of environmental terrorizing if that
6	person commits a crime of violence dangerous to human life or a
	crime of violence destructive to property or business practices
8	for the primary purpose of protesting the practices of a person
	or business with respect to an environmental or natural resource
10	issue and the result is:
12	A. To cause injury in fact to persons or damage to property
12	or business; or
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	B. To purposefully cause a significant interruption in
16	business or loss of products that results in loss of
	revenues or in compensable damages.
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	This subsection does not apply to a person who is protesting the
20	practices of a business during a labor dispute, strike or lockout
22	at that business.
2 4	Violation of this subsection is a Class C crime.
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26	SUMMARY
28	This bill establishes the crime of environmental
_ ,,	terrorizing, which is a crime of violence dangerous to human life
30	or destructive to property or business practices for the primary
	purpose of protesting a natural resource or environmental issue.
32	The bill specifies that it does not apply to a person who is
	protesting during a labor dispute, a strike or a lockout at a
34	business. Environmental terrorizing is a Class C crime.

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