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2	Date: 04-23-07 (Filing No. S-54)
3	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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5	STATE OF MAINE
6	SENATE
7	123RD LEGISLATURE
8	FIRST REGULAR SESSION  Reported by: Majority
9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " To S.P. 83, L.D. 246, Bill, "An Act To Protect the Solemnity and Dignity of a Funeral or Memorial Service in Maine"
11 12	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:
13 14	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
15 16 17	Whereas, the Legislature recognizes that the State has an immediate interest in balancing the rights of the bereaved to mourn peacefully at funerals with others' rights to free expression; and
18 19 20 21	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
22	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
23 24	Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §16, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, §125, is further amended to read:
25 26	A. Any of the Class D or Class E crimes described in sections 207; 209; 211; 254; 255; 501, subsection 2; 503; 501-A, subsection 1, paragraph B; 751; 806; or 1002.
27	Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §501, as amended by PL 1995, c. 258, §1, is repealed.
28	Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §501-A is enacted to read:
29	§501-A. Disorderly conduct
30	1. A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if:
31	A. In a public place, the person intentionally or recklessly causes annoyance to

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#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 83, L.D. 246

1	(1) Making loud and unreasonable noises;
2 3	(2) Activating a device, or exposing a substance, that releases noxious and offensive odors; or
4	(3) Engaging in fighting, without being licensed or privileged to do so;
5 6 7 8 9	B. In a public or private place, the person knowingly accosts, insults, taunts or challenges any person with offensive, derisive or annoying words, or by gestures or other physical conduct, that would in fact have a direct tendency to cause a violent response by an ordinary person in the situation of the person so accosted, insulted, taunted or challenged;
10 11 12 13	C. In a private place, the person makes loud and unreasonable noise that can be heard by another person, who may be a law enforcement officer, as unreasonable noise in a public place or in another private place, after having been ordered by a law enforcement officer to cease the noise; or
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	D. In a private or public place on or near property where a funeral, burial or memorial service is being held, the person knowingly accosts, insults, taunts or challenges any person in mourning and in attendance at the funeral, burial or memorial service with unwanted, obtrusive communications by way of offensive, derisive or annoying words, or by gestures or other physical conduct, that would in fact have a direct tendency to cause a violent response by an ordinary person in mourning and in attendance at a funeral, burial or memorial service.
21 22	2. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
23 24 25	A. "Public place" means a place to which the public at large or a substantial group has access, including but not limited to:  (1) Public ways as defined in section 505;
26	(2) Schools and government-owned custodial facilities; and
27 28	(3) The lobbies, hallways, lavatories, toilets and basement portions of apartment houses, hotels, public buildings and transportation terminals.
29	B. "Private place" means any place that is not a public place.
30	3. Disorderly conduct is a Class E crime.
31 32	<b>Emergency clause.</b> In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'
33	SUMMARY
34 35 36 37	This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The amendment adds an emergency clause and preamble, and instead of creating a new crime, it expands upon the current crime of disorderly conduct. The amendment replaces the whole statutory section or disorderly conduct to correct faulty section structure. Substantively however the

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## **COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



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1	amendment uses current law to identify funeral attendees as a special class when making
2	a disorderly conduct analysis. The amendment specifies that in a private or public place
3	on or near property where a funeral, burial or memorial service is being held, a person is
1	guilty of disorderly conduct if the person knowingly accosts, insults, taunts or challenges
5	any person in mourning and in attendance at the funeral, burial or memorial service with
5	unwanted, obtrusive communications by way of offensive, derisive or annoying words, or
7	by gestures or other physical conduct, that would in fact have a direct tendency to cause a
3	violent response by an ordinary person in mourning and in attendance at a funeral, buria
)	or memorial service.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



### 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 246** 

LR 8(02)

An Act To Protect the Solemnity and Dignity of a Funeral or Memorial Service in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

#### **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund Minor revenue increase - General Fund

#### **Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements**

Expands a current Class E crime.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.