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An Act To Prevent Smoke Detector Tampering

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 STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2464, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 260, is amended to
3 read:

4 **7. Noninterference.** A person may not knowingly interfere with or make
5 inoperative any smoke detector required by this section, except that the owner or the
6 agent of an owner of a building may temporarily disconnect a detector in a dwelling unit
7 or common area only for construction or rehabilitation activities when such activities are
8 likely to activate the detector or make it inactive. The detector must be immediately
9 reconnected at the cessation of construction or rehabilitation activities each day,
10 regardless of the intent to return to construction or rehabilitation activities on succeeding
11 days. Notwithstanding subsection 5, a person who violates this subsection commits a
12 Class D crime and is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,500 for each violation.

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SUMMARY

14 This bill makes tampering with a smoke detector a Class D crime and imposes a fine
15 of up to \$1,500.