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An Act To Protect Owners and Occupiers of Homes from Civil Liability

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CAMPBELL of Newfield, HANLEY of Gardiner,
LANSLEY of Sabattus, SYKES of Harrison, TARDY of Newport, Senators: GOOLEY of
Franklin, McCORMICK of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §171** is enacted to read:

3 **§171. Immunity for owners and occupiers of homes**

4 An owner, lawful occupier or resident of a home, including a guest, is immune from
5 civil liability for personal injury, death or property damage, including any monetary loss,
6 that results from the performance of protecting the home or residents or guests in the
7 home from a person unlawfully present in or attempting to enter the home without
8 permission or consent from a person legally authorized to give consent to enter or be in
9 the home.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill immunizes from civil liability an owner, occupier or resident of a home,
12 including a guest, from any death, personal injury or property damage that results from
13 protecting the home or its residents from a person unlawfully present in or attempting to
14 enter the home.