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An Act To Deter Road Rage

Reference to the Committee on Transportation 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 ROSEN of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2419** is enacted to read:

3 **§2419. Road rage**

4 **1. Definition.** "Road rage," with respect to a person operating a motor vehicle in any
5 place, means but is not limited to:

6 A. Generally aggressive driving, including sudden acceleration, sudden braking and
7 following another motor vehicle too closely;

8 B. Cutting off another motor vehicle in a lane or deliberately preventing another motor
9 vehicle from merging;

10 C. Sounding the motor vehicle's horn or flashing its lights excessively;

11 D. Rude gestures;

12 E. Shouting verbal abuse, obscenities or threats;

13 F. Intentionally causing a collision between motor vehicles;

14 G. Exiting the motor vehicle to attempt to start a confrontation, including striking
15 someone else's motor vehicle with an object; and

16 H. Throwing projectiles from a moving motor vehicle with the intent of damaging other
17 motor vehicles.

18 **2. Offense.** A person may not commit road rage.

19 **3. Penalty.** A person who commits road rage commits a Class E crime, which is
20 punishable by the suspension of that person's driver's license for 90 days, none of which may
21 be suspended. In addition to any other penalty, the court shall order a person to complete a
22 court-approved anger management course.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill defines road rage and establishes it as a Class E crime. A person who commits
25 road rage is subject to the loss of that person's license for 90 days and is required to complete
26 an anger management course.