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## 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2009

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No. 668

S.P. 242

In Senate, February 24, 2009

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Disorderly Conduct

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOBBINS of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PILON of Saco, VALENTINO of Saco.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
74. <b>2</b>	Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §501-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 144, §3, is repealed.
3	Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §501-B is enacted to read:
4	§501-B. Disorderly conduct
5	1. A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if:
6 7	A. With intent to cause inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, the person:
8	(1) Engages in fighting or in violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior;
9	(2) By offensive or disorderly conduct, annoys or interferes with another person;
10	(3) Makes unreasonable noise;
11 12	(4) Without lawful authority, disturbs any lawful assembly or meeting of persons;
13	(5) Obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
14 15	(6) Congregates with other persons in a public place and refuses to comply with a reasonable request or order to disperse by a law enforcement officer; or
16	(7) In a public place, uses abusive or obscene language.
17	2. Disorderly conduct is a Class E crime.
18	SUMMARY
19 20 21	This bill repeals the existing law governing disorderly conduct and enacts a new provision defining disorderly conduct. Under the new provision, disorderly conduct remains a Class E crime.