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S.P. 421

In Senate, March 25, 2009

**An Act To Clarify the Crime of Obstructing Government
Administration**

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 HOBBS of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §751, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 657, §5, is further
3 amended to read:

4 1. A person is guilty of obstructing government administration if the person
5 intentionally ~~interferes by force, violence or intimidation or by any physical act with a~~ or
6 recklessly obstructs, resists, hinders or endangers any public servant performing or
7 purporting to perform an official function.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill provides that a person is guilty of obstructing government administration if
10 the person intentionally or recklessly obstructs, resists, hinders or endangers any public
11 servant performing or purporting to perform an official function. Current law provides
12 that a person is guilty of obstructing government administration if the person intentionally
13 interferes by force, violence or intimidation or by any physical act with a public servant
14 performing or purporting to perform an official function.