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House of Representatives, January 6, 2010

An Act To Strengthen Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Laws

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HASKELL of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: FOSSEL of Alna, HANLEY of Gardiner, SYKES of Harrison.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4655, sub-§6, ¶A** is enacted to read:

3 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, service of an order may be made
4 pursuant to this section through the use of printed electronically transmitted copies of
5 orders.

6 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4655, sub-§6, ¶B** is enacted to read:

7 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an electronically transmitted report
8 made by a person serving an order pursuant to this section constitutes proof that the
9 order was served.

10 **Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §4006, sub-§6, ¶A** is enacted to read:

11 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, service of an order may be made
12 pursuant to this section through the use of printed electronically transmitted copies of
13 orders.

14 **Sec. 4. 19-A MRSA §4006, sub-§6, ¶B** is enacted to read:

15 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an electronically transmitted report
16 made by a person serving an order pursuant to this section constitutes proof that the
17 order was served.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill allows printed copies of electronically transmitted protection from
20 harassment and protection from abuse orders to be served on individuals and allows a
21 formal report of the service of such an order to be transmitted electronically.