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House of Representatives, January 31, 2017

An Act Regarding Refusing To Submit to Arrest or Detention

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of
Lincoln, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, NADEAU of Winslow, PERKINS of Oakland, SCHNECK of
Bangor, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §751-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 449, §2, is
3 amended to read:

4 **1.** A person is guilty of refusing to submit to arrest or detention if, with the intent to
5 hinder, delay or prevent a law enforcement officer from effecting the arrest or detention
6 of that person, the person:

7 A. Refuses to stop on request or signal of a law enforcement officer. Violation of
8 this paragraph is a Class E crime;

9 B. Uses physical force against the law enforcement officer. Violation of this
10 paragraph is a Class D crime; ~~or~~

11 C. Creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to the law enforcement officer.
12 Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

13 D. Engages in a physical action that delays or interferes with the lawful arrest or
14 detention. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill amends the law regarding refusal to submit to arrest or detention to make a
17 person's engaging in a physical action that delays or interferes with the lawful arrest or
18 detention a Class E crime.