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An Act Regarding Refusing To Submit to Arrest or Detention

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY

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