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5 **STATE OF MAINE**

6 **SENATE**

7 **129TH LEGISLATURE**

8 **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 223, L.D. 779, Bill, "An Act To
10 Improve the Definition of "Strangulation" in the Aggravated Assault Laws"

11 Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph C (page 1,
12 lines 4 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

13 'C. Bodily injury to another under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to
14 the value of human life. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, the
15 number, location or nature of the injuries, the manner or method inflicted, the
16 observable physical condition of the victim or the use of strangulation. For the
17 purpose of this paragraph, "strangulation" means ~~the intentional~~ impeding of the
18 breathing or circulation of the blood of another person by intentionally, knowingly or
19 recklessly applying pressure on the person's throat or neck. Violation of this
20 paragraph is a Class B crime.'

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment clarifies that, in order for the act of strangulation to be considered
23 aggravated assault, the actor must intentionally, knowingly or recklessly apply pressure
24 on another person's throat or neck.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT