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In Senate, January 5, 2022

An Act To Prohibit Invasion of Privacy on Private Property by Cameras

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §511, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 373, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 C. Installs or uses outside a private place without the consent of the person or persons
5 entitled to privacy therein any device for observing, photographing, hearing, recording,
6 amplifying or broadcasting images or sounds originating in that place that would not
7 ordinarily be visible, audible or comprehensible outside that place; ~~or~~

8 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §511, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 467, §1, is
9 amended to read:

10 D. Engages in visual surveillance in a public place by means of mechanical or
11 electronic equipment with the intent to observe or photograph, or record, amplify or
12 broadcast an image of any portion of the body of another person present in that place
13 when that portion of the body is in fact concealed from public view under clothing and
14 a reasonable person would expect it to be safe from surveillance; ~~or~~

15 **Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §511, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:

16 E. Installs or uses outside a private residence and its curtilage without the consent of
17 the person or persons entitled to privacy therein any fixed device, including but not
18 limited to a camera, for observing, photographing, hearing, recording, amplifying or
19 broadcasting images or sounds originating in that private residence or its curtilage.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill makes illegal the intentional installation or use of any fixed device like a
22 camera outside a private residence and its curtilage without the consent of the person
23 entitled to privacy therein.