

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 419**

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House of Representatives, March 28, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Viles of Augusta.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

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**AN ACT to Punish Bomb Outrages and Blackhand Activities.**

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Whereas numerous citizens of the State of Maine, including persons charged with the execution of the laws, have received threats against the lives of themselves or members of their families, and

Whereas bomb outrages and Blackhand activities have been planned and in several instances perpetrated, and

Whereas there is no provision in the laws of Maine for the effective punishment of said outrages and activities, and whereas such provision is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, therefore,

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

Section 1. Whoever sends or procures to be sent to another or deposits or procures to be deposited any bomb or infernal machine, with intent that the same shall explode to cause injury to the person or property of another, where- by any person is injured shall be punished by imprisonment for any term of years; and if upon explosion no person is injured, the imprisonment shall be for not more than twenty years. In any prosecution under this section, proof of the sending or depositing or procuration thereof of such bomb or infernal machine shall constitute prima facie evidence of guilt of the offense described in this section.

Sect. 2. Whoever knowingly has in his possession any bomb or infernal machine or materials appropriate for the construction thereof, except for lawful purposes, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than fifteen years or a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or both. In any prosecution under this section proof of the possession of such bomb or infernal machine or materials shall constitute prima facie evidence that the same was not kept for lawful use.

Sect. 3. Whoever shall make, publish or send to another any communication, written or oral, containing a threat to injure the person or property of any person shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or both; and if the communication is written and is anonymous or signed by any other than the true name of the writer, the punishment

8 shall be imprisonment for not more than ten years or a fine  
9 of not more than fifteen hundred dollars, or both; and if  
10 any such threat is against the person or property or mem-  
11 ber of the family of any public official, the punishment shall  
12 be imprisonment for not more than fifteen years.

Sect. 4. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble  
2 hereof, this act shall take effect when approved. .