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H. P. 1436

House of Representatives, February 16, 1937.

On motion of Mr. Pike of Bridgton, tabled pending reference and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Pike of Bridgton by request.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Punishment for Certain Offenses.

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

R. S., c. 129, § 22, amended. Section 22 of chapter 129 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 22. Extortion, or compulsion, by threats, or maliciously vexing or tormenting another; penalty. Whoever, verbally, or by written or printed communication maliciously threatens to accuse another of a crime or offense, or to injure his person or property, with intent thereby to extort money or to procure any advantage from him, or to compel him to do any act against his will, and whoever being more than 16 years of age wilfully and wantonly or maliciously vexes, irritates, harasses, or torments any person in any way, after having been forbidden so to do, by any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer, or justice of the peace, and whoever without reasonable cause or provocation wilfully and wantonly or maliciously vexes, irritates, harasses, or torments any person by communications to, or conversation with, such person over or by means of any telephone, or calls out any fire department, police department, or other municipal department, or any portion or persons thereof, by intentionally giving a false alarm or call to such department or to any officer or member

thereof by means of any telephone line or lines, **when such offense is of a high and aggravated nature, be deemed guilty of a felony and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, but when such offense is not of a high and aggravated nature, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.'**