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**CHAPTER 289**

S. P. 253 — L. D. 762

**AN ACT Concerning the Definition of Criminal Mischief under the Maine Criminal Code.****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:**

17-A MRSA § 806, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as amended by PL 1975, c. 740, § 88, is further amended to read:

**A.** Damages or destroys the property of another, having no reasonable ground to believe that he has a right to do so; or damages or destroys property to enable any person to collect insurance proceeds for the loss caused; or **tampers with the property of another, having no reasonable grounds to believe that he has the right to do so, and thereby impairs the use of that property; or**

Effective September 14, 1979

**CHAPTER 290**

S. P. 143 — L. D. 319

**AN ACT Relating to the Maine Medical and Hospital Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Act.**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Regular Session of the 107th Legislature enacted "The Maine Medical and Hospital Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Act," which Act automatically terminates on July 1, 1979; and

Whereas, the availability of hospital and medical malpractice insurance in Maine would be questionable without the Act; and

Whereas, it is imperative that the life of the Act be extended until July 1, 1980 to insure the availability of medical malpractice insurance; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,