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An Act To Mandate the Reporting of a Planned Act of Terrorism by a Person with Knowledge of That Plan

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: FREY of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSa §517 is enacted to read:

§517. Failure to report planned act of terrorism

1. A person is guilty of failure to report a planned act of terrorism if that person has knowledge of a plan to perform an act of terrorism and that person does not report that planned act of terrorism to an appropriate criminal justice agency.

2. For purposes of this section, "terrorism" means the use of intentionally indiscriminate violence as a means to create terror or fear in order to achieve a political, religious or ideological aim.

3. Failure to report a planned act of terrorism is a Class E crime.

SUMMARY

This bill makes a person's failure to report a planned act of terrorism to an appropriate law enforcement agency when the person has knowledge of the plan to perform an act of terrorism a Class E crime.