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## **An Act Relating to Disorderly Conduct in the Vicinity of a Funeral**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §501-A, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 144, §3, is amended to read:

D. In a private or public place ~~on or near property~~within 1,000 feet of where a funeral, burial or memorial service is being held or within 1,000 feet of the route between locations where such ceremonies are being held, the person knowingly accosts, insults, taunts or challenges any person in mourning and in attendance at the funeral, burial or memorial service with unwanted, obtrusive communications by way of offensive, derisive or annoying words, or by gestures or other physical conduct, that would in fact have a direct tendency to cause a violent response by an ordinary person in mourning and in attendance at a funeral, burial or memorial service.

**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §501-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 144, §3, is amended to read:

**3.** Disorderly conduct is a Class E crime, except that violation of subsection 1, paragraph D is a Class D crime.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits disorderly conduct within 1,000 feet of a funeral, burial or memorial service or within 1,000 feet of the route between locations where such ceremonies are being held. The bill also increases the crime of disorderly conduct with regard to a funeral, burial or memorial service from a Class E to a Class D crime.