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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §171** is enacted to read:

§ 171. Defense of premises

It is a defense to a civil claim resulting from the use of force that the person was or would have been justified in using such force under Title 17-A, section 104.’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The Maine Criminal Code provides for a defense of premises justification for the use of different degrees of force in specific circumstances. This amendment provides for a defense of premises defense in a civil action if the person used the degree of force that is justified in the specific circumstances under the Maine Criminal Code.