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An Act To Discourage Theft from and Destruction of Vending Machines

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §353, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. A person who violates subsection 1 in a case in which the property is a vending machine as defined in Title 22, section 2491, subsection 14 or the contents of a vending machine shall pay a fine of not less than \$1,000, which may not be suspended and, notwithstanding section 1323, shall pay restitution to the owner of the vending machine.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §806, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. A person who violates subsection 1 in a case in which the property is a vending machine as defined in Title 22, section 2491, subsection 14 or the contents of a vending machine shall pay a fine of not less than \$1,000, which may not be suspended and, notwithstanding section 1323, shall pay restitution to the owner of the vending machine.

SUMMARY

This bill provides a minimum fine of \$1,000 for a person who steals or vandalizes a vending machine or the contents of a vending machine and requires that such a person pay restitution to the owner of the vending machine.