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An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Disorderly Conduct

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §501-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 144, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §501-B is enacted to read:

§ 501-B. Disorderly conduct

1. A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if:

A. With intent to cause inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, the person:

(1) Engages in fighting or in violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior;

(2) By offensive or disorderly conduct, annoys or interferes with another person;

(3) Makes unreasonable noise;

(4) Without lawful authority, disturbs any lawful assembly or meeting of persons;

(5) Obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic;

(6) Congregates with other persons in a public place and refuses to comply with a reasonable request or order to disperse by a law enforcement officer; or

(7) In a public place, uses abusive or obscene language.

2. Disorderly conduct is a Class E crime.

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the existing law governing disorderly conduct and enacts a new provision defining disorderly conduct. Under the new provision, disorderly conduct remains a Class E crime.