



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2017

Legislative Document

No. 721

S.P. 238

In Senate, February 28, 2017

**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.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §517** is enacted to read:

3 **§517. Failure to report planned act of terrorism**

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

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

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

11 **SUMMARY**

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