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House of Representatives, March 28, 2023

An Act to Protect Officials and Participants at Sporting Events

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.


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Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and
Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, PERRY of Calais,
SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §702** is enacted to read:

3 **§702. Abuse of officials and participants of sporting events**

4 **1. Prohibition.** A person is guilty of abuse of an official or participant of a sporting
5 event if during a sporting event that person directs abusive, profane, obscene or slanderous
6 language at an official or participant of the sporting event.

7 **2. Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a
8 fine of \$100 must be adjudged.

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SUMMARY

10 This bill makes directing abusive, profane, obscene or slanderous language at an
11 official or participant of a sporting event a civil violation for which a fine of \$100 must be
12 adjudged.