

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

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S.P. 223 - L.D. 779

**An Act To Improve the Definition of "Strangulation" in the Aggravated  
Assault Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §208, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 358, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Bodily injury to another under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, the number, location or nature of the injuries, the manner or method inflicted, the observable physical condition of the victim or the use of strangulation. For the purpose of this paragraph, "strangulation" means ~~the intentional~~ impeding of the breathing or circulation of the blood of another person by intentionally, knowingly or recklessly applying pressure on the person's throat or neck. Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime.