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An Act Regarding the Threatened Use of Force in the Crime of Robbery

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRS §651, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2001, c. 383, §73 and affected by §156, is further amended to read:

B. The actor threatens to use force against or intimidates any person present with the intent:

(1) To prevent or overcome resistance to the taking of the property, or to the retention of the property immediately after the taking; or

(2) To compel the person in control of the property to give it up or to engage in other conduct that aids in the taking or carrying away of the property.

For purposes of this paragraph, "intimidates" means directly or indirectly threatens a reasonable person or places a reasonable person in fear. Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime;

SUMMARY

This bill adds in the language setting out the crime of robbery in the element of threatened use of force the alternative element of intimidation, which the bill defines as direct or indirect threatening or placing in fear.