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An Act Regarding the Definition of "Serious Bodily Injury" in the Maine Criminal Code

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§23, as amended by PL 1975, c. 740, §11, is further amended to read:

23. "Serious bodily injury" means a bodily injury ~~which~~that creates a substantial risk of death ~~or~~which, that causes serious, permanent disfigurement or loss or substantial impairment of the health or function of any ~~bodily member or organ,~~part of the body or that causes extended convalescence necessary for recovery of physical or mental health.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of "serious bodily injury" in the Maine Criminal Code by changing "substantial impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ, or extended convalescence necessary for recovery of physical health" to "substantial impairment of the health or function of any part of the body or that causes extended convalescence necessary for recovery of physical or mental health." The bill also makes grammatical changes.