

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 910 - L.D. 1249

**An Act To Prohibit Infringing on the Rights of Association of Dependent Adults**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §555, sub-§1, ¶¶A and B**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 306, §1, are further amended to read:

A. The person recklessly endangers the health, safety or mental welfare of a dependent person. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

B. The person intentionally or knowingly endangers the health, safety or mental welfare of a dependent person. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime;

**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §555, sub-§1, ¶¶C and D** are enacted to read:

C. The person recklessly infringes on a dependent person's rights of association, including but not limited to the right to receive visitors, mail or telephone or electronic communication, for the purpose of establishing or maintaining undue influence over that person. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

D. The person intentionally or knowingly infringes on a dependent person's rights of association, including but not limited to the right to receive visitors, mail or telephone or electronic communication, for the purpose of establishing or maintaining undue influence over that person. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

**Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §555, sub-§2, ¶C** is enacted to read:

C. "Undue influence" has the same meaning as in section 109, subsection 4.