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## An Act To Deter Road Rage

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §2419 is enacted to read:

### § 2419. Road rage

**1. Definition.** "Road rage," with respect to a person operating a motor vehicle in any place, means but is not limited to:

- A. Generally aggressive driving, including sudden acceleration, sudden braking and following another motor vehicle too closely;
- B. Cutting off another motor vehicle in a lane or deliberately preventing another motor vehicle from merging;
- C. Sounding the motor vehicle's horn or flashing its lights excessively;
- D. Rude gestures;
- E. Shouting verbal abuse, obscenities or threats;
- F. Intentionally causing a collision between motor vehicles;
- G. Exiting the motor vehicle to attempt to start a confrontation, including striking someone else's motor vehicle with an object; and
- H. Throwing projectiles from a moving motor vehicle with the intent of damaging other motor vehicles.

**2. Offense.** A person may not commit road rage.

**3. Penalty.** A person who commits road rage commits a Class E crime, which is punishable by the suspension of that person's driver's license for 90 days, none of which may be suspended. In addition to any other penalty, the court shall order a person to complete a court-approved anger management course.

## SUMMARY

This bill defines road rage and establishes it as a Class E crime. A person who commits road rage is subject to the loss of that person's license for 90 days and is required to complete an anger management course.