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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 427, L.D. 1200, Bill, “An Act To Create a Civil Cause of Action for Intentional Interference with Business Operations”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §8802 in subsection 3 in the 4th line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "chapter." the following: 'In order to prove liability, a private entity must also prove by a preponderance of the evidence all elements of a crime under Title 17-A that existed when the act that hindered, impaired or obstructed or attempted to hinder, impair or obstruct the performance of the business operations of the private entity was committed.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §8802 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "act." the following: 'A person signatory to a collective bargaining agreement participating in labor relations activities is exempt from liability under this chapter.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment provides that in order to prove liability for intentional interference with business operations, a private entity must also prove by a preponderance of the evidence all elements of a crime under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A that existed when the act that hindered, impaired or obstructed or attempted to hinder, impair or obstruct the performance of the business operations of the private entity was committed. The amendment also provides that any person signatory to a collective bargaining agreement participating in labor relations activities is exempt from liability.

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