Unauthorized Entry of a Critical Infrastructure

This Act establishes penalties for knowingly entering an enclosed critical infrastructure without authorization. The Act defines critical infrastructure as chemical manufacturing facilities, refineries, electrical power generating facilities, water intake structures and water treatment facilities, natural gas transmission compressor stations, LNG terminals and storage facilities, and transportation facilities, such as ports, railroad switching yards, and trucking terminals.

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Section 1. [Short Title.] This Act may be cited as “An Act Concerning Unauthorized Entry of a Critical Infrastructure.”

Section 2. [Unauthorized Entry of a Critical Infrastructure.] As used in this Act, “unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure” is the intentional entry by a person without authority into any structure or onto any premises, belonging to another, that constitutes in whole or in part a critical infrastructure that is completely enclosed by any type of physical barrier, including but not limited to:

(1) chemical manufacturing facilities;
(2) refineries;
(3) electrical power generating facilities;
(4) water intake structures and water treatment facilities;
(5) natural gas transmission compressor stations;
(6) LNG terminals and storage facilities; and
(7) transportation facilities, such as ports, railroad switching yards, and trucking terminals.

Section 3. [Penalties.]

a. Whoever commits the crime of unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure shall be fined not more than [$1,000] or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than [six] years, or both.
b. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent lawful assembly and peaceful and orderly petition for the redress of grievances, including but not limited to any labor dispute between any employer and its employee.

Section 4. [Severability.] [Insert severability clause.]

Section 5. [Repealer.] [Insert repealer clause.]

Section 6. [Effective Date.] [Insert effective date.]