

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 464

House of Representatives, January 30, 1997

**An Act to Amend the Sexual Abuse of Minors Laws.**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.

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

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**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §254, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1995, c.  
4 104, §1, is further amended to read:

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A. Having attained the age of 19 years, the person engages  
in a sexual act with another person, not the actor's spouse,  
who has attained the age of 14 years but has not attained  
the age of 16 years, provided that the actor is at least 5 4  
years older than the other person; or

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**SUMMARY**

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16 Under current law, a person is guilty of sexual abuse of a  
18 minor if, having attained the age of 19, the person engages in a  
sexual act with another person who is between the ages of 14 and  
20 16, as long as the actor is at least 5 years older than the other  
person. This bill reduces the age difference between the 2  
people from 5 to 4 years.