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H.P. 783

House of Representatives, February 18, 1997

An Act to Ensure That Crime Victims Are Informed of Their Rights.

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 PEAHEY of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Representatives: KASPRZAK of Newport, LANE of Enfield, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'BRIEN of Augusta, THOMPSON of Naples, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.

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

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Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1172, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 680, §5, is amended to read:

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2. When providing notice under subsection 1, the attorney for the State shall offer to provide the victim with a pamphlet containing this chapter, Title 5, chapter 316-A and Title 15, sections 812 and 6101. In addition, the attorney for the State, as part of any victim and witness support program that attorney administers under Title 30-A, section 460, shall provide the victim with a pamphlet outlining in every day language the provisions set out in this chapter, Title 5, chapter 316-A and Title 15, sections 812 and 6101.

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SUMMARY

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This bill requires district attorneys and other attorneys representing the State in criminal proceedings, as a part of any victim and witness support program, to provide victims of crime with informational pamphlets in every day language outlining the laws on victims' rights, the Victims' Compensation Fund, negotiated pleas and victim involvement in criminal proceedings.