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H.P. 808

House of Representatives, February 18, 1997

**An Act to Make It a Crime to Solicit a Child by Means of Computer to
Commit an Unlawful Sex Act.**

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 McALEVEY of Waterboro.
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: BELANGER of Wallagrass, CARLETON of Wells, MACK of Standish,
MURPHY of Kennebunk, VEDRAL of Buxton, WINN of Glenburn, Senators: AMERO of
Cumberland, BENOIT of Franklin.

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

4 Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §554-B is enacted to read:

6 §554-B. Solicitation of child by computer to commit unlawful sex act

8 1. A person is guilty of solicitation of a child by a computer if the person is 16 years of age or older and the person knowingly, with the intent to commit an unlawful sex act, entices, advises, coerces, orders or commands, by means of a computer, a child who is less than 16 years of age and at 3 years younger than the defendant, to meet with the defendant or any other person for the purpose of committing an unlawful sex act. As used in this section, the term "computer" has the same meaning as in section 431, subsection 2.

18 2. The offense is committed in this State for purposes of determining jurisdiction if the transmission that constitutes the offense either originates in this State or is received in this State.

22 3. Solicitation of a child by a computer is the same class of crime as the crime solicited.

26 SUMMARY

28 This bill establishes the crime of solicitation of a child by a computer. A person commits this crime if that person is 16 years of age or older and knowingly, with the intent to commit an unlawful sex act, entices, advises, coerces, orders or commands, by means of a computer, a child who is less than 16 years of age and at least 3 years younger than the defendant, to meet with the defendant or any other person for the purpose of committing an unlawful sex act. Solicitation of a child by a computer is the same class of crime as the crime solicited.