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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 936, L.D. 1427, "An Act Extending the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Actions Involving Aggravated Sex Trafficking"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Report. The Criminal Law Advisory Commission established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52 shall examine the statutes of limitation in Title 17-A, section 8 pertaining to sexual offenses committed against both adult and minor victims, including by examining whether parity exists between the statutes of limitation established in Title 17-A, section 8, subsection 1, paragraph B and section 8, subsection 2-A, as well as whether the extended limitation periods established in these provisions should apply to any other sexual offense crimes in the State. The commission shall submit a report, including any recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than December 15, 2025. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, directs the Criminal Law Advisory Commission to review and analyze the statutes of limitation within the Maine Criminal Code pertaining to sexual offenses committed against both adult and minor victims. The commission must submit a report, including any recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than December 15, 2025. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 06/02/25 **LRL**

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LD 1427

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An Act Extending the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Actions Involving Aggravated Sex Trafficking

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-602)
Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new felony cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

The bill increases the statute of limitations on Class A or Class B crimes involving aggravated sex trafficking from 6 to 20 years. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203. It is not known how many individuals may be imprisoned longer under this bill. No appropriations have been added to the bill.