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**130th Legislature (2020-2022)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1592 / HP1181

Original Title: An Act To Decriminalize Engaging in Prostitution, Strengthen the Laws against Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Allow a Person Convicted of Engaging in Prostitution To Petition the Court To Expunge the Record of Conviction. New Title: An Act To Remove Punishments for Sex Selling and Decrease Demand by Increasing Penalties for Sex Buying. Presented by Representative RECKITT of South Portland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Public Hearing 05/12/21. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/16/21. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-624. Final Disposition: Enacted. (Veto Sustained 06/30/21).

**Original Bill**

[LD 1592 \(130th Legis. 2021\)](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

- Master file available on request—please include citation: cf130-LD-1592.pdf  
[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(CJPS\) \(05/12/2021\)](#)  
[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(CJPS\) \(05/24/2021\)](#)
- (Click audio link on committee page. Audio files may cover several bills.)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-0624\) \(LD 1592 2021\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, April 28, 2021 \(H-200-258\)](#)

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[SENATE, April 28, 2021 \(S-385-471\)](#)

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[HOUSE, June 15, 2021 \(H-720-776\)](#)

p. H-743 (Amendment(s) H-624)

[SENATE, June 16, 2021 \(S-1043-1102\)](#)

p. S-1048 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p1050)) (Amendment(s) H-624)

[HOUSE, June 16, 2021 \(H-777-864\)](#)

p. H-861 (Amendment(s) H-624)

[SENATE, June 17, 2021 \(S-1103-1175\)](#)

p. S-1140 (Amendment(s) H-624)

[HOUSE, June 30, 2021 \(H-902-932\)](#)

p. H-919 (Amendment(s) H-624)

[HOUSE, June 30, 2021 \(H-902-932\)](#)

p. H-920 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p921)) (Amendment(s) H-624)

[SENATE, July 01, 2021 \(S-1208-1245\)](#)

p. S-1225

#### **News Articles**

Bill would decriminalize prostitution in Maine (Mal Leary) (Bangor Daily News, 5/25/2021, p. B2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1592/BDN 210525I.pdf)

DA pushes to decriminalize prostitution (Steve Collins) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 5/16/2021, p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1592/Sun Journal 210516A.pdf)

Mills declines making Maine first in nation to decriminalize prostitution for its victims (Steve Collins) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 7/1/2021, p. A1, A3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD15xx/nc130-LD-1592/Sun Journal 210701B.pdf)

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