

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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H. P. 629

House of Representatives, March 8, 1977

On motion of Mr. Spencer of Standish, referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Joyce of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Concerning the Crime of Prostitution.**

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

17-A MRSA § 853-A, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. A person is guilty of engaging in prostitution if he:
  - A. Engages in prostitution as defined in section 851; or
  - B. Gives, offers or promises a pecuniary benefit to another person in return for the other person or a third person engaging in, or agreeing to engage in, sexual intercourse or a sexual act, as defined in section 251.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make the person who solicits prostitution equally as guilty as the person who engages in it.