

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1402**

H. P. 1170

House of Representatives, March 31, 1977

On motion of Mr. Bennett of Caribou, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carrier of Westbrook.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Amend the Criminal Code Concerning Sexual Abuse of Minors.**

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

17-A MRSA § 254, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1975, c. 740, § 50, is further amended to read:

1. A person is guilty of sexual abuse of a minor if, having attained his ~~19th~~ 18th birthday he engages in sexual intercourse or a sexual act with another person not his spouse, who has attained his 14th birthday but has not attained his 16th birthday; ~~provided the actor is at least 5 years older than such other.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The sexual abuse of minors section of the Maine Criminal Code presently requires that a person be 19 years of age before he can be charged with this offense. It also precludes a charge being brought if there is not at least 5 years difference in age between the actor and the minor. This bill would allow an 18 year old to be charged with this crime and deletes the 5 year difference in age requirement.