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Office of the Secretary of the Senate

The Committee on Judiciary suggested by Committee on Reference of Bills. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Collins of Knox

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Increase the Penalty for Possession of Heroin.

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

- 17-A MRSA \S 1107, sub- \S 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, \S 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
 - 2. Violation of this section is:
 - A. A Class C crime if the drug is heroin (diacetylmorphine);
 - ${\bf B.~A~Class~D~crime}$ if the drug is a schedule W drug other than heroin (diacetylmorphine) or a schedule X drug; or
 - C. A Class E crime if the drug is a schedule Y drug.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the classification for the crime of possession of heroin from a Class D crime to a Class C crime with a more severe penalty.