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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-10)
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 65, L.D. 73, Bill, "AN ACT
Concerning the Crime of Prostitution."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §853-A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499,
§1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §853-B is enacted to read:
§853-B. Engaging in prostitution as a minor; engaging in
prostitution with a minor

1. A person is guilty of engaging in prostitution as a
minor if, being under the age of 18/^{years,} he engages in prostitution,
as defined in section 851.

2. Engaging in prostitution as a minor is a Class E crime
except that it is subject only to the penalties provided in
section 1301.

3. A person is guilty of engaging in prostitution with
a minor if he gives, offers or promises a pecuniary benefit
to another person in return for the other person, if under the
age of 18 years, or a 3rd person, if under the age of 18
years, engaging in, or agreeing to engage in, sexual intercourse
or a sexual act, as defined in section 251.

4. Engaging in prostitution/^{with} a minor is a Class E crime
except that it is subject only to the penalties provided in
section 1301.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make engaging in prostitution a criminal offense if the prostitute is under 18 years of age, or if the offer of pecuniary benefit is made to a person under 18 years old, whether that person is the prostitute or a 3rd person. Society has a clear interest in protecting minors; it otherwise should not interfere unnecessarily with private sexual acts.

Filed by Mr. Howe of So. Portland.
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