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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 844

S. P. 285

In Senate, March 1, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Indeterminate Sentence to the Maine Youth Center.

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

15 MRSA § 3316, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, first sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 664, § 41, is further amended to read:

A commitment of a juvenile to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, including a commitment to the Maine Youth Center, pursuant to section 3314, shall be for an indeterminate period not to extend beyond the juvenile's 18th birthday unless the court expressly further ~~limits or~~ extends the commitment, provided that no commitment shall extend beyond a juvenile's 21st birthday.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prevent sentencing juveniles for short periods to the Maine Youth Center which has no facilities to handle such short term commitments.