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12 13 In Senate, February 11, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston, Representative MACBRIDE of Presque Isle.

### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Enhance the Penalties for Engaging in Prostitution.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §853-A, sub-§2, as amended by 7 PL 1981, c. 245, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Engaging in prostitution is a Class E crime 9 except that it is subject only to the penalties pro-10 vided in section 1301, unless the defendant has not attained his 18th birthday, in which case the disposition provided in Title 15, section 3314 is applicable.

14 Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §853-B, sub-§2, as enacted by 15 PL 1981, c. 611, §2, is amended to read:

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2. Engaging a prostitute is a Class E crime, ex eept that it is subject only to the penalties pro vided in section 1301.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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5 The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the 6 penalty for the crime of prostitution. Currently, 7 prostitution may not be punished by imprisonment, but 8 only by a monetary fine. This bill allows a judge to 9 include imprisonment up to 6 months in his sentence. 10 The bill makes the same changes to the law regarding 11 penalties for engaging a prostitute.

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