

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 891

H.P. 658 House of Representatives, March 24, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative ANTHONY of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senators GILL of Cumberland, BRANNIGAN of
Cumberland, and Representative KIMBALL of Buxton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Lengthen the Period of Probation
for Persons Convicted of Sex Offenses.

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

17-A MRSA §1254, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Notwithstanding subsection 1, any person,
convicted of a sex offense, as defined in chapter 11,
shall serve a period of probation for at least 2
years or the period for which they are sentenced,
whichever is less.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Persons who are released from confinement after having served a sentence for a sex offense often return to the same municipality where the offense took place, and frequently resume living in the same household with the former victim. Currently, this time of readjustment to normal civilian life is totally devoid of all supervision.

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This bill requires all persons convicted of sex offenses to be discharged from incarceration to probation for a period of up to 2 years, to allow monitoring of the individual's readjustment to normal life.

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