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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 1083

H.P. 809 House of Representatives, April 2, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative PARADIS of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senators GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, MAYBURY
of Penobscot and Representative JOSEPH of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Remove Statutory Protection for
2 Those who Sexually Assault Voluntary
3 Social Companions.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §252, sub-§3, as amended by PL
8 1985, c. 414, §1, is further amended to read:

9 3. Rape is a Class A crime. It is not a defense
10 to a prosecution under subsection 1, paragraph B,
11 ~~which--reduces--the--crime--to--a--Class--B--crime~~ that the
12 victim was a voluntary social companion of the de-
13 fendant at the time of the crime and had, on that oc-
14 casion, permitted the defendant sexual contact or
15 voluntarily engaged in sexual contact with the de-
16 fendant.

1 social companion clause from the rape laws. This
2 change will return the responsibility for the crime
3 to the perpetrators and will make a clear statement
4 to society that sexual violence is unacceptable and
5 without excuse under any circumstances.

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