

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York, Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln  
and Representative BURKE of Vassalboro.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Eliminate the Statute of Limitations in Child Molestation or  
Incest Cases.**

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

3               **17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:**

5               2-A. Notwithstanding subsection 2, the periods of  
7 limitations set out in subsection 2 shall not have run for  
9 prosecution of any of the following crimes until 7 years after  
11 the victim is 18 years of age:

13               A. Incest under section 556;

15               B. Rape under section 252, when the victim is under the age  
17 of 14 at the time of the commission of the crime;

19               C. Gross sexual misconduct under section 253, when the  
21 victim is under the age of 14 at the time of the commission  
23 of the crime;

25               D. Sexual abuse of a minor under section 254, when the  
27 victim is under the age of 16 at the time of commission of  
29 the crime, or when the victim is under the age of 18 at the  
31 time of the commission of the crime and the defendant is a  
33 parent, stepparent, foster parent, guardian or other similar  
35 person responsible for the long-term general care and  
37 welfare of the victim; or

39               E. Unlawful sexual contact under section 255, when the  
41 victim:

43                       (1) Is under the age of 14 at the time of the  
45 commission of the crime and the defendant is at least 3  
years older; or

(2) Is under the age of 18 at the time of the  
commission of the crime and the elements set out in  
section 255, subsection 1, paragraph F, are met at the  
time of the commission of the crime.

41                               **STATEMENT OF FACT**

43               The purpose of this bill is to postpone the running of the  
45 statute of limitations on the crime of incest and other sex  
offenses involving children until 7 years after the victim is 18  
years of age.