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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 429, L.D. 612, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Collection of Data by the State Bureau of Identification"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1544, last ¶, as amended by PL 1987, c. 695, §6, is further amended to read:

The bureau shall establish a category for abuse by adults of family or household members and a category for harassment, ~~which shall be crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity that are~~ supplementary to its other reported information. The bureau shall prescribe the information to be submitted in the same manner as for all other categories of the uniform crime reports.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect on January 1, 1992.

FISCAL NOTE

Costs associated with revising the State Bureau of Identification's crime data collection system to be consistent with federal crime reporting requirements will be absorbed by the Department of Public Safety utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment deletes the proposed changes to the harassment laws and the civil rights laws. It amends the crime reporting laws to state specifically the types of characteristics that are the apparent motivations for crimes that must be recorded, consistent with federal crime reporting requirements. The language tracks the federal Hate Crime Statistics Act, Public Law 101-275.

This amendment adds an effective date of January 1, 1992 to allow the State Bureau of Identification to revise its crime data collection system to accommodate these changes.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary
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