

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1015, L.D. 1483, Bill, "An Act to Remove the Statute of Limitations for Incest and Gross Sexual Assault"

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. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. A, §37, is further amended to read:

1. It is a defense that prosecution was commenced after the expiration of the applicable period of limitations provided in this section; provided that a prosecution for murder or criminal homicide in the first or 2nd degree, or, if the victim had not attained the age of 16 years at the time of the crime, a prosecution for incest, rape or gross sexual assault, formerly denominated as gross sexual misconduct, may be commenced at any time.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. A, §38, is further amended to read:

2. Prosecutions for crimes other than murder or criminal homicide in the first or 2nd degree, or, if the victim had not attained the age of 16 years at the time of the crime, prosecutions for incest, rape or gross sexual assault, formerly denominated as gross sexual misconduct, are subject to the following periods of limitations:

A. A prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime must be commenced within 6 years after it is committed; and

B. A prosecution for a Class D or Class E crime must be commenced within 3 years after it is committed.



