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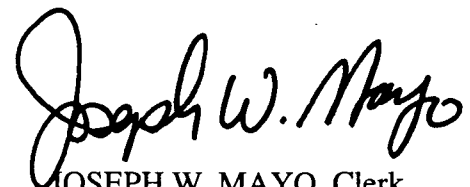
No. 200

H.P. 152

House of Representatives, January 24, 1995

An Act to Allow the Issuance of Life Sentences for Violent Crimes.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative OTT of York.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and
Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, CAMPBELL of Holden, LEMONT of Kittery,
PLOWMAN of Hampden.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1252, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1987, c.
808, §§1 and 3, is further amended to read:

6 **2.** The Except as provided in subsection 2-B, the court
shall set the term of imprisonment as follows:

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10 A. In the case of a Class A crime, the court shall set a
definite period not to exceed 40 years;

12 B. In the case of a Class B crime, the court shall set a
definite period not to exceed 10 years;

14 C. In the case of a Class C crime, the court shall set a
definite period not to exceed 5 years;

18 D. In the case of a Class D crime, the court shall set a
definite period of less than one year; or

20 E. In the case of a Class E crime, the court shall set a
definite period not to exceed 6 months.

24 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1252, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

26 2-B. The court may sentence a person convicted of any crime
28 from which death or serious bodily injury results to imprisonment
for life or for any shorter term. The court shall specify the
30 length of the sentence to be served.

32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This bill allows the court to impose a sentence of
imprisonment up to a life sentence for any crime committed from
36 which death or serious bodily injury results. The court must
specify the length of the sentence to be served.