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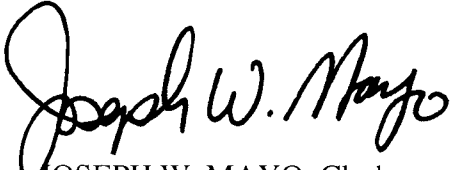
No. 1006

H.P. 732

House of Representatives, March 28, 1995

An Act to Amend the Law to Provide for the Notification of Immediate Family Members of Homicide Victims.

Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich.

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

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Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1257-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
4 266, §1, is amended to read:

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A victim of any Class A, B or C crime for which the
8 perpetrator is committed to the Department of Corrections may
receive notice of that person's release from custody, including
10 furloughs or work-release programs, upon complying with this
section, unless the Department of Corrections determines that
12 giving this notice could pose a threat to the safety of the
sentenced person. "Victim" includes the parent, child, sibling
or spouse of a victim of a homicide.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill defines certain family members of a victim of a
20 homicide as "victims" who may be notified of the release of a
sentenced person.