

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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No. 36

S.P. 38

In Senate, January 9, 1997

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### An Act to Criminalize Certain Photographing of Children.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich and  
Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representative:  
McALEVEY of Waterboro.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §258 is enacted to read:

§258. Visual exploitation of a child

1. A person is guilty of visual exploitation of a child if the actor makes or causes to be made any photographic or video recording of a person who has not attained 18 years of age for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of the actor or a 3rd person.

2. Visual exploitation of a child is a Class D crime.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Class D crime of visual exploitation of a child, which is the photographic or video recording of a minor for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire.