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House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

**An Act to Meet Federal Requirements Regarding Collection of Bias
Motivation Data through Uniform Crime Reporting.**

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LINDAHL of Northport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MUSE of South Portland, PEAVEY of Woolwich, Senator:
O'GARA of Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1544, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1991, c. 206,
4 §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

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

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SUMMARY

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The federal Violent Crime and Law Enforcement Act of 1994
18 amended the Hate Crimes Statistics Act to include the collection
of data using the Uniform Crime Reporting System about crimes
20 that manifest evidence of prejudice based on disability. This
bill brings the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 1544,
22 which governs uniform crime reporting data collection by the
State Police, into compliance with the federal requirement.