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No. 1919

H.P. 1369

House of Representatives, December 8, 1997

An Act to Inform Crime Victims about the Disposition of Charges.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 4, 1997. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.

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

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Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1172, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

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B-1. The proposed dismissal or filing of an indictment,
information or complaint pursuant to the Maine Rules of
Criminal Procedure, Rule 48, before that action is taken;

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SUMMARY

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Rule 48 of the Maine Rules of Criminal Procedure authorizes a prosecutor to dismiss charges or "file" the indictment, information or complaint without prosecuting the charges. This bill requires the prosecutor to make a good faith effort to notify the victim before either action is taken.

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