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No. 2072

H.P. 1473

House of Representatives, January 20, 1998

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sex Offenders.

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

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 BELANGER of Wallagrass.

Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and

Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, KASPRZAK of Newport, LANE of Enfield, LAYTON of Cherryfield, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §11143, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
680, §13, is amended to read:

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8 **2. Law enforcement agencies.** Upon receipt of the
information concerning the conditional release or discharge of a
sex offender pursuant to section 11142, subsection 2, a law
enforcement agency shall notify members of that municipality who
10 the reside within 1,000 feet on either side of the address where
12 the sex offender will reside. If the 1,000 foot distance falls
14 within a housing development, the entire development must be
16 notified. The law enforcement agency may also notify members of
18 the municipality as the agency determines appropriate to ensure
public safety.

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SUMMARY

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22 This bill strengthens the laws governing sex offender
registration and notification by requiring law enforcement
agencies to notify residents who reside within 1,000 feet of
where the sex offender will reside.