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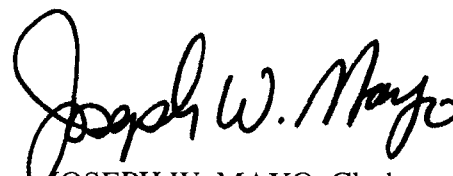
No. 1620

H.P. 1135

House of Representatives, March 2, 1999

Resolve, to Extend the Statute of Limitations for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo,
TREAT of Kennebec.

2 **Sec. 1. Statute of limitations extended for victims of abuse at the**
3 **Governor Baxter School for the Deaf. Resolved:** That notwithstanding
4 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, chapter 205 and chapter
5 741, a person may bring an action alleging physical or sexual
6 abuse against the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf if the
7 person was a student at the school between 1974 and 1998; and be
8 it further

10 **Sec. 2. Filing deadline. Resolved:** That a person bringing an
11 action pursuant to this resolve shall file the action within 3
12 years of the effective date of this resolve.

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SUMMARY

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17 Current law limits the time to 6 years in which a person may
18 commence a civil action alleging physical or sexual abuse. This
19 resolve allows any person who was a student at the Governor
20 Baxter School for the Deaf between 1974 and 1998 to bring an
21 action against the school notwithstanding any provision of the
22 law limiting the time period for which an action may be commenced
23 or concerning the Maine Tort Claims Act. A person bringing an
24 action pursuant to this resolve has 3 years from the effective
25 date of the resolve to file the action.

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