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House of Representatives, March 6, 2003

An Act To Increase Requirements for Notification of Release to Victims of Stalkers

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, O'BRIEN of Augusta,
O'BRIEN of Lewiston, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: MAYO of Sagadahoc.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1175, first ¶, as amended by PL 1999, c. 126, §1, is further amended to read:

Upon complying with subsection 1, a victim of a crime of murder or stalking or of a Class A, Class B or Class C crime for which the defendant is committed to the Department of Corrections or to a county jail, or is placed in institutional confinement under Title 15, section 103 after having been found not criminally responsible by reason of mental disease or defect, or is placed in institutional confinement under Title 15, section 101-B after having been found incompetent to stand trial, must receive notice of the defendant's unconditional release and discharge from institutional confinement upon the expiration of the sentence or upon discharge under Title 15, section 104-A and must receive notice of any conditional release of the defendant from institutional confinement, including probation, parole, furlough, work release, intensive supervision, supervised community confinement, home release monitoring or similar program or release under Title 15, section 104-A.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the laws governing the notification of a defendant's release from jail or an institution. This bill adds "stalking" to the list of crimes for which a victim must be informed of the release of the defendant. This bill also requires notification of the defendant's release to a victim when the defendant is institutionalized after being found incompetent to stand trial.