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House of Representatives, January 20, 2005

An Act To Impose Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Certain Sexual Offenses

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1252, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

6 9. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the
8 minimum term of imprisonment for a crime committed under section
10 253 or 254 is 10 years for a first offense and 20 years for a 2nd
12 or subsequent offense. No part of the minimum term of
14 imprisonment under this subsection may be suspended or reduced
16 through plea bargaining.

14 SUMMARY

16 This bill requires a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison
18 for a crime of gross sexual assault or sexual abuse of a minor
20 and 20 years for a 2nd or subsequent offense. This bill
prohibits the reduction of the minimum sentence through
suspension or plea bargaining.