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An Act To Prohibit the Promotion of Travel for Sex Tourism

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

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Presented by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1141, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

3 **3-A. Travel for commercial sexual purposes.** "Travel for commercial sexual
4 purposes" means travel, transportation or vacation services provided for the purposes of
5 enabling the customer to engage in prostitution or engage a prostitute as defined in Title
6 17-A, section 851 or to engage in a sexual act, sexual contact or sexual touching, as
7 defined in Title 17-A, section 251, for which anything of value is given to, promised or
8 received by a person.

9 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1144** is enacted to read:

10 **§1144. Engaging in travel for commercial sexual purposes**

11 **1. Violation.** A provider of travel services or a travel agent is guilty of engaging in
12 travel for commercial sexual purposes if the travel agency or agent intentionally or
13 knowingly advertises or furnishes travel, transportation or vacation services for travel for
14 commercial sexual purposes.

15 **2. Penalty.** Engaging in travel for commercial sexual purposes is a Class C crime.

16 **Sec. 3. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause.** In the
17 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 202-B, in the chapter headnote, the words
18 "prohibited credit card practices involving providers of travel services" are amended to
19 read "prohibited practices involving providers of travel services" and the Revisor of
20 Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the
21 statutes.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill, which is based on a law passed in Washington State, prohibits travel
24 agencies within the State from engaging in travel for commercial sexual purposes.
25 "Travel for commercial sexual purposes" is defined as advertising or arranging for travel
26 with the intention of enabling the customer to engage in prostitution or to engage a
27 prostitute or to engage in a sexual act, sexual contact or sexual touching for which
28 anything of value is given, promised or received. The bill also makes a violation of this
29 prohibition a Class C crime, with a penalty of up to 5 years in prison and up to a \$5,000
30 fine.