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House of Representatives, January 16, 2007

An Act To Restrict Access to Certain Websites by Sex Offenders

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1160** is enacted to read:

3 **§1160. Restrictions on sex offenders for websites**

4 A person convicted of a sex offense as defined in Title 34-A, section 11203,
5 subsection 6 or a sexually violent offense as defined in Title 34-A, section 11203,
6 subsection 7 may not access a website that is likely to be frequented by minors. A person
7 who violates this section commits a Class D crime. A person who has one prior
8 conviction under this section who violates this section commits a Class C crime. A
9 person who has 2 or more convictions under this section who violates this section
10 commits a Class B crime. Violation of this section is a strict liability crime as defined in
11 section 34, subsection 4-A. Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when
12 determining a sentence.

13 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
14 allocations are made.

15 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

16 **Maine State Police Crime Laboratory**

17 Initiative: Provides funds for the Computer Crimes Unit to detect if sex offenders are
18 accessing websites likely to be frequented by minors.

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20 GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
21 All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
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23 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$100,000	<hr/> \$100,000

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$100,000 per year for the
26 Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory, Computer Crimes
27 Unit to enforce the prohibition of those who are convicted of sex offenses or sexually
28 violent offenses from accessing websites likely to be frequented by minors.