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### **An Act To Improve the Use of Information Regarding Sex Offenders to Better Ensure Public Safety and Awareness**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick, Representative SILSBY of Augusta and Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, SHERMAN of Aroostook, Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, HASKELL of Portland, HILL of York, PLUMMER of Windham.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**  
3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice do the  
6 following:

- 7 1. Review compliance and enforcement of sex offender registration laws and identify  
8 resources and methods to ensure that all persons required to register do register, verify  
9 and update their information as directed;
- 10 2. Using other states' models for tiered risk assessment and other examples of sex  
11 offender classification to learn from, create and adopt a system of classification based on  
12 risk to be applied to each person required to register under the Sex Offender Registration  
13 and Notification Act of 1999 in order to classify sex offenders based on their risk of  
14 reoffending and the degree of likelihood that they pose a danger to the community;
- 15 3. Create and adopt processes to apply the risk assessment and evaluate its use so  
16 that due process concerns are met and each risk assessment analysis provides useful  
17 information to those in the criminal justice system and others who receive that  
18 information;
- 19 4. Educate and support law enforcement so that they can use the sex offender risk  
20 assessment information to best inform the public and better ensure public safety; and
- 21 5. Review the current list of registerable sex offenses and determine if changes to the  
22 current Maine sex offender registry and to the Maine sex offender registry website should  
23 be made.