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An Act To Provide for Punitive Damages against Sex Offenders

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WATSON of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, HANLEY of Gardiner, PRATT of Eddington, SIMPSON of Auburn, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1455** is enacted to read:

3 **§1455. Sex offenses**

4 Punitive damages must be determined and awarded to an individual who is the victim
5 of a gross sexual assault under Title 17-A, section 253 and who brings an action against
6 the person convicted of committing the gross sexual assault if the individual presents a
7 certified copy of the conviction to the court.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill requires a court to award punitive damages to a victim of a gross sexual
10 assault if the victim sues the defendant for the gross sexual assault and presents a certified
11 copy of the conviction to the court. .