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An Act To Amend the Accord and Satisfaction Laws To Add Juveniles

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln. (BY REQUEST) Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash and Senator: HASTINGS of Oxford, Representative: PIEH of Bremen.

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

2 Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §891, as amended by PL 1999, c. 52, §1, is further amended to 3 read:

4 §891. Dismissal on satisfaction of private injury; discharge of bail

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5 When a person has been admitted to bail or juvenile conditions of release or is committed by a judge, or is indicted or held upon a complaint and warrant for an assault 6 7 or other Class D or E crime, as defined by Title 17-A, section 4-A, or is the subject of a 8 juvenile petition alleging commission of a crime that, if the juvenile charged were an 9 adult, would be an assault or other Class D or E crime, as defined by Title 17-A, section 10 4-A, for which the party injured has a remedy by civil action, except aggravated assaults, 11 assaults upon or resistance of a law enforcement officer as defined by Title 17-A in the execution of a law enforcement officer's duty, assaults of those officers, crimes involving 12 family or household members as defined in Title 19-A, chapter 101 and molesting lobster 13 14 gear pursuant to Title 12, chapter 619, if the injured party appears before the judge or court and in writing acknowledges satisfaction for the injury, the court, on payment of all 15 16 costs, may stay further proceedings and discharge the defendant. The judge may exonerate the bail and release the obligors, supersede the commitment by written order 17 and exonerate the bail of the witnesses. 18

SUMMARY

This bill extends the application of the accord and satisfaction provisions in the criminal laws to certain juvenile offenses.