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An Act To Focus the Use of the Sex Offender Registry Website on the Most Dangerous Offenders

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield, Senator STRIMLING of
Cumberland and Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HASKELL of Portland, HILL
of York.

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 to delete from the sex offender registry website those registered
6 sex offenders who pose little or no risk of reoffending to the community. While
7 remaining in compliance with the requirements of registration and notification imposed
8 by federal law, this bill proposes to review and remove if possible from the website the
9 following registrants:

10 1. A registrant who committed a Class A crime requiring registration who has not
11 been convicted of committing another crime against a person for a period of at least 20
12 years after release from incarceration;

13 2. A registrant who committed a Class B crime requiring registration who has not
14 been convicted of committing another crime against a person for a period of at least 15
15 years;

16 3. A registrant who committed a Class C crime requiring registration who has not
17 been convicted of committing another crime against a person for a period of at least 10
18 years; and

19 4. A registrant who committed a Class D crime requiring registration who has not
20 been convicted of committing another crime against a person for a period of at least 5
21 years.

22 The bill also proposes that the Commissioner of Public Safety, in consultation with
23 an advisory group that must include representatives of the Joint Standing Committee on
24 Criminal Justice and Public Safety, the Maine Prosecutors Association, the Attorney
25 General, the Department of Corrections and the Maine Civil Liberties Union, shall create
26 a classification system based on risk to be applied to each person required to register
27 under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 in order to identify sex
28 offenders based on their risk of reoffending and the degree of likelihood that they pose a
29 danger to the community. The level of risk must be listed on the website in the case of
30 moderate-risk and high-risk offenders. Low-risk offenders will be removed from the
31 website.