

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1634

Date: 3/12/12 Minority

(Filing No. H-762)

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1224, L.D. 1634, Bill, "An Act To Establish Certain Crimes Relating to Missing or Deceased Children"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRS §558 is enacted to read:

**§558. Failure to report a missing child**

1. A person is guilty of failure to report a missing child if that person, being a parent, foster parent, guardian or other person having the care and custody of a child who is in fact under 13 years of age, knowingly fails to notify a law enforcement agency of that child's disappearance within 48 hours of becoming aware that the child is missing.

2. Failure to report a missing child is a Class D crime.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report. It amends the bill to restrict those responsible for reporting a missing child to the parent, foster parent, guardian or other person having the care and custody of the child. The amendment provides that a responsible person is guilty of failing to report a missing child if that person knowingly failed to notify a law enforcement agency within 48 hours of becoming aware that the child is missing. It also changes the class of the crime from a Class C crime to a Class D crime.

The amendment removes provisions of the bill regarding the failure to cooperate in the investigation of the death of a child.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



Approved: 03/07/12 *MGC*

# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1634

LR 2308(02)

**An Act To Establish Certain Crimes Relating to Missing or Deceased Children**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-762)**  
**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class D crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.