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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “**A**” to S.P. 556, L.D. 1491, Bill, “An Act To Strengthen the Laws Regarding Certain Crimes Committed by a Person in a Position of Authority”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Extend the Statute of Limitations on Certain Sex Crimes'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. A prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime involving unlawful sexual contact or gross sexual assault must be commenced within 8 years after it is committed.

This subsection does not apply to a Class D crime enhanced to a Class C crime pursuant to section 1252, subsection 4-A.

Sec. 4. Application. This Act applies to the crimes of gross sexual assault under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 253 and unlawful sexual contact under Title 17-A, section 255-A committed on or after the effective date of this Act or for which the prosecution has not yet been barred by the statute of limitations in force immediately prior to the effective date of this Act.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes provisions of the bill regarding sexual acts committed by a person who has certain authority over the other person. It extends the statute of limitations period from 6 years to 8 years for Class A, Class B and Class C sex crimes.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1491

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An Act To Strengthen the Laws Regarding Certain Crimes Committed by a Person in a Position of Authority

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-209)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

May increase violations of existing Class A, B and C crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.
The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.