

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 176

In Senate, February 9, 2017

### An Act To Amend the Laws on Gross Sexual Assault

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington and  
Representatives: PERRY of Calais, TUELL of East Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1252, sub-§4-E,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 358, §7, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **4-E.** If the State pleads and proves that a crime under section 253 was committed  
5 against a person who had not yet attained 12 years of age, the court, notwithstanding  
6 subsection 2, shall impose a definite term of imprisonment ~~for any term~~ of at least 20  
7 years. In determining the basic term of imprisonment as the first step in the sentencing  
8 process, the court shall select a term of at least 20 years. The court shall also impose as  
9 part of the sentence a period of supervised release to immediately follow that definite  
10 term of imprisonment as mandated by section 1231.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires a mandatory term of imprisonment of at least 20 years for the crime  
13 of gross sexual assault when the victim is a person who has not attained 12 years of age.