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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "" to H.P. 432, L.D. 589, "An Act To Provide Access to Justice for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §752-C, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Application. This section applies to all actions based upon sexual acts toward minors regardless of the date of the sexual act and regardless of whether the statute of limitations on such actions expired prior to the effective date of this subsection.

Sec. 2. PL 1999, c. 639, §2 is repealed.'

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

20 SUMMARY

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This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It replaces the bill. It allows civil actions based upon sexual acts toward minors regardless of the date of the sexual act and revives actions that may previously have been barred by a statute of limitations in force prior to the effective date of Public Law 1999, chapter 639.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 589

LR 304(02)

An Act To Provide Access to Justice for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment #44-602)
Committee: Judiciary
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund Minor revenue increase - General Fund Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional filing fees may increase General Fund and other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services are expected to be minimal and can be managed within current resources.