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## 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2021

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No. 793

S.P. 55

In Senate, March 5, 2021

An Act To Include as a Factor in Sentencing the Selection of a Victim Based on the Victim's Employment as a Law Enforcement Officer

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec.

| 1                     | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:  |
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| 2 3                   | <b>Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1501, sub-§8, ¶B,</b> as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:  |
| 4<br>5<br>6<br>7<br>8 | B. The selection by the person of the victim or of the property that was damaged or otherwise affected by the crime because of the race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or homelessness or employment as a law enforcement officer of the victim or of the owner or occupant of that property; and |
| 9                     | SUMMARY  |
| 10<br>11<br>12        | Current law on sentencing in criminal cases allows consideration of the selection of the victim based on bias against certain specific populations. This bill adds to the list of biases the employment of the victim as a law enforcement officer.  |