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History and Final Disposition

LD 1435 / HP0931

An Act to Reduce Commercial Sexual Exploitation. Presented by Representative RECKITT of South Portland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 04/11/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/07/23. Amended by: CA H-194. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 06/26/23, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 316.

Original Bill

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Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(JUD\) \(04/11/2023\)](#)
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New Drafts and Amendments

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Floor Proceedings and Debate

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[HOUSE, June 12, 2023 \(H-702-761\)](#)

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[SENATE, June 15, 2023 \(S-1213-1246\)](#)

p. S-1235 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-194)

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News Articles

Maine closer to ending criminal charges for sex workers (Emily Allen) (Portland Press Herald, 6/5/2023, p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD14xx/nc131-LD-1435/PPH 230603A.pdf)

Senate puts partial decriminalization of prostitution on track for passage (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 6/9/2023, p. B1, B4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD14xx/nc131-LD-1435/BDN 230609H.pdf)

Sex trade survivors need protection- sex buyers need to stop (Lois Galgay Reckitt) (Portland Press Herald, 6/13/2023, p. A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD14xx/nc131-LD-1435/PPH 230613E.pdf)

House passes bill to decriminalize prostitution (Will Tuell) (Machias Valley News Observer, 6/14/2023, p. 15) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD14xx/nc131-LD-1435/The Machias Valley News Observer 230614C.pdf)

Mills signs law partially decriminalizing prostitution (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 6/27/2023, p. A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD14xx/nc131-LD-1435/BDN 230627I.pdf)

Maine becomes first state to decriminalize selling sex (Alexandra Heal) (Boston Globe, 7/6/2023, p. A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD14xx/nc131-LD-1435/Boston Globe 230701A.pdf)

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