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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 390, L.D. 545, “An Act To Combat the Sexual Exploitation of Minors in Maine”

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §855, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 444, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §855, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. A person is guilty of patronizing prostitution of a minor if the person, in return for another person's prostitution or agreement to engage in prostitution:

A. Gives or agrees to give a pecuniary benefit either to the person whose prostitution is sought or to a 3rd person and the person whose prostitution is sought has not in fact attained 18 years of age;

B. Gives or agrees to give a pecuniary benefit either to the person whose prostitution is sought or to a 3rd person and the person believes the person whose prostitution is sought is under 18 years of age;

C. Attempts to give or agree to give a pecuniary benefit and the person whose prostitution is sought has not in fact attained 18 years of age; or

D. Attempts to give or agree to give a pecuniary benefit and the person believes the person whose prostitution is sought is under 18 years of age.

Violation of this subsection is a Class B crime.

Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §11273, sub-§14, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 663, §3, is amended to read:

E. Former Title 17-A, section 855, subsection 1, paragraph A; and

Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §11273, sub-§15, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 663, §3, is amended to read:

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1 C. Former Title 17-A, section 855, subsection 1, paragraph B; and'
2 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
3 number to read consecutively.

4 **SUMMARY**

5 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It replaces the bill and
6 establishes as Class B crimes engaging a prostitute and attempting to engage a prostitute
7 when the person whose prostitution is sought is in fact under 18 years of age or the person
8 believes the person whose prostitution is sought is under 18 years of age.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 **(See attached)**