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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 162, L.D. 813, “An Act To Increase the Penalty for Engaging in the Sex Trafficking of Children”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Create the Crime of Aggravated Sex Trafficking of a Person 14 Years of Age or Younger'

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

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §852, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 407, §2, is further amended to read:

- 1.** A person is guilty of aggravated sex trafficking if the person knowingly:
 - A. Promotes prostitution by compelling a person to enter into, engage in or remain in prostitution;
 - B. Promotes prostitution of a person ~~less than 18~~ 15, 16 or 17 years ~~old~~ of age; or
 - C. Promotes prostitution of a person who suffers from a mental disability that is reasonably apparent or known to the actor and that in fact renders the other person substantially incapable of appraising the nature of the conduct involved.

Violation of this subsection is a Class B crime.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §852, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. A person is guilty of aggravated sex trafficking if the person knowingly promotes prostitution of a person 14 years of age or younger. Violation of this subsection is a Class A crime.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §852, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2013, c. 407, §2, is repealed.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment creates the Class A crime of aggravated sex trafficking of a person 14 years of age or younger. The amendment conforms the language of the new crime to the format of the Maine Criminal Code.