

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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H.P. 1100 - L.D. 1486

An Act To Improve Investigations of Child Sexual Abuse

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §18 is enacted to read:

§18. Crimes involving minors

A person who poses as a minor is deemed a minor for the purposes of a crime under chapter 11, 12 or 35 that has as an element or aggravating factor that the victim or person other than the actor is a minor.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §855, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 444, §1, is amended to read:

A. The person, in return for another's prostitution, 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 or the person knows or believes that the person whose prostitution is sought has not attained 18 years of age. Violation of this paragraph is a Class ~~D~~ C crime; or

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §855, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 444, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §1802, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (7) to read:

(7) A Class D or Class E crime under section 556, section 853; or section 854, excluding subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraph (1); ~~or section 855;~~

Sec. 5. 34-A MRSA §11273, sub-§15, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 663, §3, is amended to read:

C. Title 17-A, section 855, subsection 1, paragraph ~~B~~ A; and