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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1346, L.D. 1825, Bill, “An Act To Change the Statutes of Limitations on Prosecution for Crimes of Sexual Abuse and for Civil Actions for Sexual Abuse When the Actor Is a Person in a Position of Authority”

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

**'An Act To Change the Statutes of Limitations on Prosecution for Crimes of Sexual Abuse When the Actor Is a Psychiatrist, Psychologist or Licensed Social Worker'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

2-A. A prosecution for a crime involving gross sexual assault under section 253, subsection 2, paragraph I or unlawful sexual contact under section 255-A, subsection 1, paragraph U or V must be commenced within 10 years after the crime is committed.

**Sec. 4. Application.** This Act applies to the following crimes in which the actor is or purports to be a psychiatrist, psychologist or licensed social worker at the time of the crime:

- 1. Gross sexual assault under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 253, subsection 2, paragraph I and unlawful sexual contact under Title 17-A, section 255-A, subsection 1, paragraph U or V committed on or after the effective date of this Act; and
- 2. Gross sexual assault under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 253, subsection 2, paragraph I and unlawful sexual contact under Title 17-A, section 255-A, subsection 1, paragraph U or V for which prosecution has not yet been barred by the previous statute of limitations in force on the effective date of this Act. '

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report. It removes the provisions of the bill that eliminate the statute of limitations on civil actions based on sexual abuse by a person with authority.

It limits the application of the 10-year statute of limitations provided in the bill to the prosecution of cases involving gross sexual assault or unlawful sexual contact when the actor is or purports to be a psychiatrist, psychologist or licensed social worker.