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An Act To Provide for Punitive Damages against Sex Offenders

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1455 is enacted to read:

§ 1455. Sex offenses

Punitive damages must be determined and awarded to an individual who is the victim of a gross sexual assault under Title 17-A, section 253 and who brings an action against the person convicted of committing the gross sexual assault if the individual presents a certified copy of the conviction to the court.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a court to award punitive damages to a victim of a gross sexual assault if the victim sues the defendant for the gross sexual assault and presents a certified copy of the conviction to the court.