

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

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H.P. 960 - L.D. 1413

**An Act To Allow an Attorney To Speak or Provide a Written Statement for a
Victim at Sentencing**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1174, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 680, §5, is amended to read:

1. The victim must be provided the opportunity to participate at sentencing by:
 - A. Making an oral statement in open court; or
 - B. Submitting a written statement to the court either directly or through the attorney for the State. A written statement must be made part of the record.

An attorney for the victim may submit a written statement or make an oral statement on the victim's behalf.