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In Senate, February 9, 2017

## An Act To Amend the Laws on Gross Sexual Assault

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington and Representatives: PERRY of Calais, TUELL of East Machias.

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

- **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1252, sub-§4-E,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 358, §7, is further amended to read:
- **4-E.** If the State pleads and proves that a crime under section 253 was committed against a person who had not yet attained 12 years of age, the court, notwithstanding subsection 2, shall impose a definite term of imprisonment for any term of at least 20 years. In determining the basic term of imprisonment as the first step in the sentencing process, the court shall select a term of at least 20 years. The court shall also impose as part of the sentence a period of supervised release to immediately follow that definite term of imprisonment as mandated by section 1231.

11 SUMMARY

 This bill requires a mandatory term of imprisonment of at least 20 years for the crime of gross sexual assault when the victim is a person who has not attained 12 years of age.