**An Act To Fix Inconsistencies within the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2013**

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD**

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**S.P. 689 - L.D. 1953**

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**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation is necessary to correct errors in laws passed in the last legislative session; and

**Whereas,** the corrections made by this legislation are necessary to maintain a consistent system within the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2013; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec.** **1. 34-A MRSA §11273, sub-§14, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 663, §3, is amended to read:

E. Title 17‑A, section 855, subsection 1, paragraph A~~; and~~, if:

(1) The crime is committed before October 18, 2021; and

(2) The person is convicted of the crime without regard to whether the person who sought the prostitution knew or believed that the person whose prostitution was sought had not attained 18 years of age; and

**Sec.** **2. 34-A MRSA §11273, sub-§15, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 447, §5, is further amended to read:

C. Title 17‑A, section 855, subsection 1, paragraph A~~; and~~, if:

(1) The crime is committed on or after October 18, 2021; or

(2) Both:

(a) The crime is committed before October 18, 2021; and

(b) The person who sought the prostitution knew that the person whose prostitution was sought had not attained 18 years of age; and

**Sec.** **3. 34-A MRSA §11273, sub-§16, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

D-1. Title 17-A, section 852, subsection 1-A, if the crime is committed on or after March 1, 2022;

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.