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An Act Regarding Fairness in Sentencing for Persons Under 26 Years of Age

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, LEE of Auburn, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, PUGH of Portland, SINCLAIR of Bath, YUSUF of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1603, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Limit on sentence.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a
4 person may not be sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of supervised
5 community confinement under Title 34-A, section 3036-A after a period of 15 years if the
6 person was under 26 years of age at the time that the conduct forming the basis for the
7 conviction occurred.

8 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1604, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2,
9 is amended to read:

10 A. In the case of the Class A crime of aggravated attempted murder, the court shall set
11 a term of imprisonment under section 152-A, subsection 2 of life or a definite period
12 of any term of years, except a person may not be sentenced to imprisonment for life
13 without the possibility of supervised community confinement under Title 34-A, section
14 3036-A after a period of 15 years if the person was under 26 years of age at the time
15 that the conduct forming the basis for the conviction occurred;

16 **Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§2, ¶E** is enacted to read:

17 E. Notwithstanding paragraphs A to D, a prisoner may be transferred to supervised
18 community confinement if the prisoner was sentenced to imprisonment for life, served
19 at least 15 years of that sentence and was under 26 years of age at the time that the
20 conduct forming the basis for the conviction occurred.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill prohibits a person from being sentenced to imprisonment for life without the
23 possibility of supervised community confinement after a period of 15 years for a conviction
24 in which the person was under 26 years of age at the time that the conduct forming the basis
25 for the conviction occurred.