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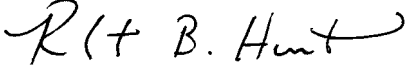
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H.P. 936

House of Representatives, April 1, 2025

**An Act Extending the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Actions
Involving Aggravated Sex Trafficking**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, O'HALLORAN of
Brewer, SATO of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §57 and
3 c. 483, §3, is further amended to read:

4 **2-A.** A prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime involving unlawful sexual
5 contact or gross sexual assault or a prosecution for a Class A or Class B crime involving
6 aggravated sex trafficking must be commenced within 20 years after it is committed.

7 This subsection does not apply to a Class D crime enhanced to a Class C crime pursuant to
8 section 1604, subsection 5, paragraph B.

9 **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to the crime of aggravated sex trafficking
10 under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 852 committed on or after the
11 effective date of this Act or for which the prosecution has not yet been barred by the statute
12 of limitations in force immediately prior to the effective date of this Act.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill extends the statute of limitations for prosecution of a Class A or Class B crime
15 involving aggravated sex trafficking from 6 years to 20 years following commission of the
16 crime. This change applies only to those Class A or Class B crimes of aggravated sex
17 trafficking committed on or after the effective date of this legislation or for which the
18 prosecution has not yet been barred by the statute of limitations in force immediately prior
19 to the effective date of this legislation.