BY GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

H.P. 755 - L.D. 1150

An Act to Require Reporting of Sheltering or Aiding Missing Children

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2157 is enacted to read:

§2157. Sheltering or aiding missing child

- 1. Duty to inform law enforcement officer. If a person knowingly shelters or aids in obtaining shelter for a missing child for more than 24 hours without the consent of the missing child's parent, guardian or legal custodian, the person shall inform a law enforcement officer as to the missing child's location and condition if the law enforcement officer contacts that person as part of the investigation of the missing child.
- **2. Violation.** A person who violates subsection 1 is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.