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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1484, L.D. 2207, “An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sexual Offenses Committed Against Minors”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 475, §2 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

1. It is a defense that prosecution was commenced after the expiration of the applicable period of limitations provided in this section, except that the following prosecutions may be commenced at any time:

- A. A prosecution for murder or criminal homicide in the first or 2nd degree; ~~or~~
- B. If the victim had not attained the age of 18 years at the time of the crime, a prosecution for incest; unlawful sexual contact; sexual abuse of a minor; rape or gross sexual assault, formerly denominated as gross sexual misconduct; unlawful sexual touching; or sexual exploitation of a minor; or
- C. If the victim had not attained the age of 18 years at the time of the crime, a prosecution for aggravated sex trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of a minor. The provisions of this paragraph apply only to those crimes of aggravated sex trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of a minor committed on or after September 1, 2026 or for which the prosecution was not barred by the statute of limitations in force immediately prior to September 1, 2026.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2025, c. 479, §1, is further amended to read:

2-A. A Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, a prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime involving unlawful sexual contact or gross sexual assault or a prosecution for a Class A or Class B crime involving aggravated sex trafficking must be commenced within 20 years after it is committed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

3 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
4 number to read consecutively.

5 **SUMMARY**

6 Like the bill, this amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, eliminates
7 the statute of limitations for prosecution of the crime of aggravated sex trafficking and the
8 crime of commercial sexual exploitation of a minor if those crimes were committed against
9 a victim who had not attained the age of 18 years at the time of the crime. Under the
10 amendment, these changes apply only to criminal conduct occurring on or after September
11 1, 2026 or for which the prosecution is not barred by the statute of limitations in force
12 immediately prior to September 1, 2026.

13 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

14 **(See attached)**