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An Act To Create a Mandatory Sentence for Repeat Offenders of Sex Offenses against Victims under 12 Years of Age

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1252, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. If the State pleads and proves that a crime under chapter 11 or 12 was committed against a person who had not yet attained 12 years of age, and the defendant had a prior conviction for a crime under chapter 11 or 12 against a person who had not yet attained 12 years of age, notwithstanding subsection 2, the court shall impose a term of imprisonment of at least 25 years, none of which may be suspended.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a court to sentence a person convicted of committing a sex offense against a child under 12 years of age for a second or subsequent time to a term of imprisonment of at least 25 years, none of which may be suspended.