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An Act To Protect Children from Sexual Predators

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §284, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 345, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Intentionally or knowingly transports, exhibits, purchases or, possesses or accesses with intent to view any book, magazine, newspaper, print, negative, slide, motion picture, computer data file, videotape or other mechanically, electronically or chemically reproduced visual image or material that the person knows or should know depicts another person engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and:

(1) The other person has not in fact attained 16 years of age; or

(2) The person knows or has reason to know that the other person has not attained 16 years of age.

Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime;

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §284, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 711, Pt. B, §12, is amended to read:

C. Intentionally or knowingly transports, exhibits, purchases or, possesses or accesses with intent to view any book, magazine, newspaper, print, negative, slide, motion picture, computer data file, videotape or other mechanically, electronically or chemically reproduced visual image or material that the person knows or should know depicts another person engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and:

(1) The other person has not in fact attained 12 years of age; or

(2) The person knows or has reason to know that the other person has not attained 12 years of age.

Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime; or

SUMMARY

This bill adds accessing with the intent to view sexually explicit material involving a child under 16 years of age to the offense of possession of sexually explicit material.