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## **An Act To Amend the Laws on Gross Sexual Assault**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1252, sub-§4-E**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 358, §7, is further amended to read:

**4-E.** If the State pleads and proves that a crime under section 253 was committed against a person who had not yet attained 12 years of age, the court, notwithstanding subsection 2, shall impose a definite term of imprisonment ~~for any term of at least 20~~ years. In determining the basic term of imprisonment as the first step in the sentencing process, the court shall select a term of at least 20 years. The court shall also impose as part of the sentence a period of supervised release to immediately follow that definite term of imprisonment as mandated by section 1231.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires a mandatory term of imprisonment of at least 20 years for the crime of gross sexual assault when the victim is a person who has not attained 12 years of age.