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An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Provision of Self-administered Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Collection Kits

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SATO of Gorham. Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DUSON of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York.

| 1 | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
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| 2 | Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2915-A is enacted to read: |
| 3 4 | §2915-A. Sale or provision of self-administered sexual assault forensic evidence collection kit prohibited |
| 5 6 | 1. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings. |
| 7 8 | A. "Covered evidence kit" means a self-administered sexual assault forensic evidence collection kit to collect evidence relating to an alleged sexual assault. |
| 9 | B. "Person" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 206, subsection 2. |
| 10 | C. "Sexual assault" has the same meaning as in section 2915, subsection 3-A. |
| 11 12 | 2. Prohibition. A person may not sell, offer for sale or otherwise provide a covered evidence kit to an individual. |
| 13 14 | 3. Admissibility. This section does not apply to the admissibility of a covered evidence kit as evidence in a court proceeding. |
| 15 16 | 4. Violation. A violation of this section is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act. |
| 17 | SUMMARY |
| 18 19 20 | This bill prohibits and makes a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act the sale, offering for sale or otherwise providing to an individual a self-administered sexual assault forensic evidence collection kit. This bill does not apply to the admissibility of a |
| 21 22 | self-administered sexual assault forensic evidence collection kit as evidence in a court proceeding. |