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### **An Act To Amend the Penalties for Engaging in Prostitution**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.  
Cosponsored by Representative: COREY of Windham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §853-A, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 476, §29,  
3 is further amended to read:

4 B. The person violates paragraph A and, at the time of the offense, the person has  
5 one or more prior convictions under this section or for engaging in substantially  
6 similar conduct to that contained in this section in another jurisdiction. Section 9-A  
7 governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence, except that, for the  
8 purposes of this paragraph, the date of the prior conviction may not precede the  
9 commission of the offense by more than 2 years. Violation of this paragraph is a  
10 Class ~~D~~ E crime.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill amends the penalty provision for the crime of engaging in prostitution. For  
13 a first offense, the bill retains the current law designation of the crime as a Class E crime.  
14 For a 2nd or subsequent conviction within 2 years of engaging in prostitution, the bill  
15 changes the designation from a Class D crime to a Class E crime.