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CHAPTER
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PUBLIC LAW

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 829 - L.D. 1140

An Act To Improve the Investigation and Prosecution of Sexual Assault
Cases

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA c. 411 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 411

SUBMISSION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES FOR REVIEW FOR
PROSECUTION

§3851. Submission of sexual assault cases for review for prosecution

A law enforcement agency in possession of a complaint for an alleged sexual assault under Title 17-A, chapter 11 shall within 60 days of receiving the complaint inform the appropriate prosecutor of any evidence and submit the complaint for review and a decision by the prosecutor regarding further investigation and commencement of prosecution. Failure of a law enforcement agency to inform the appropriate prosecutor of any evidence and submit a complaint to the appropriate prosecutor within 60 days as required by this section does not affect the validity of a later submission and prosecution.