

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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H.P. 1071 - L.D. 1455

**An Act To Support Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Exploitation**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §853-A, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 537, §5, is amended to read:

**4.** It is ~~an affirmative~~ a defense to prosecution under this section that the person engaged in prostitution because the person was compelled to do so as described in section 852, subsection 2.

**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §853-A, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5.** It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the person engaged in prostitution to prevent bodily injury, serious economic hardship or another threat to the person or another person.