

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

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S.P. 627 - L.D. 1728

**An Act To Amend Maine Criminal Code Sentencing Provisions Relating To  
Increased Sentencing Class Based on Multiple Prior Convictions for Certain  
Violent or Sexual Crimes**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRS §1252, sub-§4-A**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 470, §13, is further amended to read:

**4-A.** If the State pleads and proves that, at the time any crime, excluding murder, under chapter 9, 11, 12, 13 or 27 or 35, excluding section 853-A; section 402-A, subsection 1, paragraph A; or section 752-A or 752-C was committed, or an attempt of any such crime was committed, the defendant had 2 or more prior convictions under chapter 9, 11, 12, 13 or 27 or 35, excluding section 853-A; section 402-A, subsection 1, paragraph A; or section 752-A or 752-C, or for an attempt of any such crime, or for engaging in substantially similar conduct in another jurisdiction, the sentencing class for the crime is one class higher than it would otherwise be. In the case of a Class A crime, the sentencing class is not increased, but the prior record must be given serious consideration by the court when imposing a sentence. Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence, except that, for the purposes of this subsection, for violations under chapter 11, the dates of prior convictions may have occurred at any time. This subsection does not apply to section 210-A if the prior convictions have already served to enhance the sentencing class under section 210-A, subsection 1, paragraph C or any other offense in which prior convictions have already served to enhance the sentencing class.