

STATE OF MAINE

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H.P. 936 - L.D. 1427

**An Act Extending the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Actions Involving
Aggravated Sex Trafficking**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §57 and c. 483, §3, is further amended to read:

2-A. A prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime involving unlawful sexual contact or gross sexual assault or a prosecution for a Class A or Class B crime involving aggravated sex trafficking must be commenced within 20 years after it is committed.

This subsection does not apply to a Class D crime enhanced to a Class C crime pursuant to section 1604, subsection 5, paragraph B.

Sec. 2. Report. The Criminal Law Advisory Commission established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52 shall examine the statutes of limitation in Title 17-A, section 8 pertaining to sexual offenses committed against both adult and minor victims, including by examining whether parity exists between the statutes of limitation established in Title 17-A, section 8, subsection 1, paragraph B and section 8, subsection 2-A, as well as whether the extended limitation periods established in these provisions should apply to any other sexual offense crimes in the State. The commission shall submit a report, including any recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than December 15, 2025. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Sec. 3. Application. This Act applies to the crime of aggravated sex trafficking under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 852 committed on or after the effective date of this Act or for which the prosecution has not yet been barred by the statute of limitations in force immediately prior to the effective date of this Act.