

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

S.P. 198 - L.D. 491

**An Act To Give Special Weight to Discriminatory Motive in Sentencing for
False Public Alarm or Report**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1501, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

8. Permit sentences based on factors of crime committed. Permit sentences that do not diminish the gravity of offenses, with reference to the factors, among others, of:

A. The age of the victim, particularly of a victim of an advanced age or of a young age who has a reduced ability to self-protect or who suffers more significant harm due to age; ~~and~~

B. The selection by the person of the victim or of the property that was damaged or otherwise affected by the crime because of the race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or homelessness of the victim or of the owner or occupant of that property; and

C. The discriminatory motive of the person in making a false public alarm or report in violation of section 509, subsection 1; and