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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 556, L.D. 1491, Bill, “An Act To Strengthen the Laws Regarding Certain Crimes Committed by a Person in a Position of Authority”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Extend the Statute of Limitations on Certain Sex Crimes'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. A prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime involving unlawful sexual contact or gross sexual assault must be commenced within 8 years after it is committed.

This subsection does not apply to a Class D crime enhanced to a Class C crime pursuant to section 1252, subsection 4-A.

Sec. 4. Application. This Act applies to the crimes of gross sexual assault under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 253 and unlawful sexual contact under Title 17-A, section 255-A 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.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes provisions of the bill regarding sexual acts committed by a person who has certain authority over the other person. It extends the statute of limitations period from 6 years to 8 years for Class A, Class B and Class C sex crimes.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

