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LD 268

I oppose LD 268 “An Act to Restore Sentencing Discretion to the Judiciary by Removing Mandatory Minimum Sentences of Incarceration“, and it “ought not to pass”.

As I understand it, this bill introduces a new provision into existing law that would essentially override statutory mandatory minimum sentences for crimes beginning next year.

This is a dangerous precedent, and should not see the light of day. The legislature should concern themselves with ensuring our citizens are safer, not less safe because of the flawed opinions of judges.

I think this is a reasonable explanation as to why this radical bill should die in committee.

“I am absolutely opposed to LD 268, a bill that would eliminate mandatory minimums for crimes including murder and rape. Mandatory minimums exist to make sure that the public is kept safe from those who commit the most heinous crimes,” said Sen. Scott Cyrway (R-Kennebec) in a statement provided to The Maine Wire.

Again, I oppose LD 268, and it “ought not to pass”.