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House of Representatives, February 12, 2015

**An Act To Extend the Statute of Limitations for the Prosecution of
the Crime of Robbery**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative VEROW of Brewer.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LYFORD of Eddington, SHORT of Pittsfield, STANLEY of
Medway, Senator: GRATWICK of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 392, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2.** Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ subsections 2-A and 2-B, prosecutions for
5 crimes other than murder or criminal homicide in the first or 2nd degree, or, if the victim
6 had not attained the age of 16 years at the time of the crime, prosecutions for: incest;
7 unlawful sexual contact; sexual abuse of a minor; rape or gross sexual assault, formerly
8 denominated as gross sexual misconduct, are subject to the following periods of
9 limitations:

10 A. A prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime must be commenced within
11 6 years after it is committed; and

12 B. A prosecution for a Class D or Class E crime must be commenced within 3 years
13 after it is committed.

14 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

15 **2-B.** A prosecution for a Class A or Class B crime of robbery must be commenced
16 within 12 years after it is committed.

17 **Sec. 3. Application.** This Act applies to the crime of robbery under the Maine
18 Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 651 committed on or after the effective date of this
19 Act or for which the prosecution has not yet been barred by the statute of limitations in
20 force immediately prior to the effective date of this Act.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill extends the statute of limitations for prosecution of a Class A or Class B
23 crime of robbery from 6 years to 12 years following commission of the crime.