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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 244, L.D. 651, Bill, “An Act To Amend Maine's Sex Trafficking and Prostitution Law”

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

**'An Act To Amend Maine's Sex Trafficking and Child Welfare Laws'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 to 6.

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 8 to 10.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 11 the following:

**'Sec. 12. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§1-B, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 696, §10, is further amended to read:

A. The parent has subjected any child for whom the parent was responsible to aggravated circumstances, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Rape, gross sexual misconduct, gross sexual assault, sexual abuse, incest, aggravated assault, kidnapping, promotion of prostitution, sexual exploitation of a minor, sex trafficking or aggravated sex trafficking, abandonment, torture, chronic abuse or any other treatment that is heinous or abhorrent to society.'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the title and strikes most of the bill, retaining those sections that include references to aggravated sex trafficking, sex trafficking and prostitution of a minor or a person with a disability as crimes for which an enhanced charge applies. The amendment also retains the changes to the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act. The amendment adds sexual exploitation of a minor, sex trafficking and aggravated sex trafficking to the list of aggravating factors in the child welfare laws.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**