

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

S.P. 170 - L.D. 548

**An Act Regarding Charging a Person under 18 Years of Age with the Crime
of Engaging in Prostitution**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §853-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 476, §29, is further amended to read:

1. A person who has in fact attained 18 years of age is guilty of engaging in prostitution if:

A. The person engages in prostitution as defined in section 851. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime, except that the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in section 1301; or

B. The person violates paragraph A and, at the time of the offense, the person has one or more prior convictions under this section or for engaging in substantially similar conduct to that contained in this section in another jurisdiction. Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence, except that, for the purposes of this paragraph, the date of the prior conviction may not precede the commission of the offense by more than 2 years. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime.