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**An Act Regarding Notice to the Public Pertaining to a Resident
Person Deported from Canada to the United States for Committing
a Sex Offense against a Child**

Reported by Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro for the Joint Standing Committee on
Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 353.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA c. 409** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 409**

4 **PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONVICTION OF SEX OFFENSE AGAINST A CHILD**

5 **§3831. Notice to the public regarding conviction in Canada of a sex offense against a**
6 **child**

7 A law enforcement agency, referred to in this section as "the agency," that obtains
8 from the United States Customs and Border Protection, upon request or otherwise, written
9 documentation that a person resident in the jurisdiction of the agency has been deported
10 from Canada to the United States because the person was convicted in Canada of a sex
11 offense against a child may provide notice to the public as determined by the agency to be
12 appropriate to ensure the public safety. Neither the failure to perform the actions
13 permitted by this section nor actions taken in compliance with this section subject any
14 state, municipal or county official or employee to liability in a civil action.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill is a committee bill from the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice
17 and Public Safety submitted after receipt of a report from the Commissioner of Public
18 Safety pursuant to Resolve 2013, chapter 97. The bill authorizes a law enforcement
19 agency that obtains from the United States Customs and Border Protection written
20 documentation that a person resident in the jurisdiction of the agency has been deported
21 from Canada to the United States because the person was convicted in Canada of a sex
22 offense against a child to provide notice to the public as determined by the agency to be
23 appropriate to ensure the public safety. The bill states that neither the failure to perform
24 the actions permitted by the bill nor the taking of actions in compliance with the bill
25 subjects any state, municipal or county official or employee to liability in a civil action.