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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Authority of Department of Mental Health and
Corrections to Effect Rehabilitative and Work Release Programs.**

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

R. S., T. 34, § 527, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 527, to read as follows:

§ 527. Rehabilitative and work release programs

The department is authorized to adopt and implement rehabilitative programs, including work release, within the penal and correctional institutions under its control. Under such programs the head of any such institution may permit any inmate or prisoner considered to be worthy of trust to participate in activities which may include training and employment, outside the institution, subject to regulations adopted by the department, which in the judgment of the head of the institution will contribute to the reformation of the inmate or prisoner and will assist in preparing him for eventual release.

Any inmate or prisoner permitted outside an institution under this section shall be furnished a copy of the regulations of the department applicable to the program in which he is permitted to participate, the receipt of which copy shall be attested by the inmate or prisoner.

Any inmate or prisoner certified by the head of the institution, having custody of him to the county attorney for the county in which the violation or escape takes place, to have violated the regulations to which he is subject, or escaped from any program or assignment outside the institution, shall be prosecuted therefor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for any term of years, which term of imprisonment shall not begin until expiration of the sentence being served at the time of violation or escape, unless such sentence is otherwise terminated by the State Probation and Parole Board.