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House of Representatives, February 4, 2025

An Act to Define "Solitary Confinement" for the Laws Governing Jails and Correctional Facilities

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

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Presented by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and

Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CHAPMAN of Auburn, JULIA of Waterville, LIBBY of Auburn, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, SINCLAIR of Bath, Senator: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

ı	be it enacted by the I copie of the State of Maine as follows.
2	Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1001, sub-§17-A is enacted to read:
3 4 5	17-A. Solitary confinement. "Solitary confinement" means the isolation of a client from the general population of the jail or correctional facility where the client is detained by confinement in a cell or other place for 22 hours or more within a 24-hour period.
5	SUMMARY
7 3 9	This bill defines "solitary confinement" as the isolation of a client from the general population of the jail or correctional facility where the client is detained by confinement in a cell or other place for 22 hours or more within a 24-hour period.