

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

**This document is from the files of the Office of
the Maine Attorney General as transferred to
the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference
Library on January 19, 2022**

December 12, 1956

26

To Norman U. Greenlaw, Commissioner of Institutional Service
Re: Uniform Act - Out of State Parolee Supervision

. . . You ask if the word "State", as it appears in Sections 8 et seq. of Chapter 27, R. S. 1954, being the Uniform Act for out of State Parolee Supervision, includes Territories of the United States and the District of Columbia.

In authorizing the various States to make compacts, one with the other, in such a manner as would permit a compact for out of State parolee supervision, the word "State" only was used by Congress. However, the 84th Congress amended the original Act, and, by Public Law 970, broadened the Criminal Control Consent Act so that Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia are included within the term "State".

In all probability a compact between the State of Maine and one of the Territories above mentioned or the District of Columbia would now be proper, in view of the Congressional amendment, and also because of the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 22-XVIII, which reads as follows:

"The words 'United States' include territories and the District of Columbia. The word 'state', used with reference to any organized portion thereof, may mean a territory or said district."

We strongly urge, however, that the Uniform Act for out of State parolee supervision be amended so as to define "State" in the manner set forth in Public Law 970.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

jgf/c