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In Senate, March 31, 1961

Reported by Senator Lord of Cumberland from Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Inspection of County Jails.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. General powers. The department shall have authority to perform such acts, relating to the care, custody, treatment, relief and improvement of the inmates of the institutions under its control, as are not contrary to law; ~~and to inspect and investigate all jails at least once each year, classify all convicts therein having regard to age, character and offenses, and to order county commissioners to make such alterations in their several jails as may be deemed necessary to classify the persons detained therein, and to require the jailers to keep such records as will facilitate the purposes of this section.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 27, § 2-A, additional. Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2-A, to read as follows:

Sec. 2-A. Inspection of county jails; standards; transfer of prisoners. The department may make frequent inspections of all county jails and shall inspect all county jails at least twice in each year and report annually, before December 1st, to the Governor and Executive Council in respect to the conditions of said jails.

The department, in cooperation with the several county commissioners, shall establish mutually agreed upon standards for each county jail in particular and for all county jails generally. Such standards shall approximate, insofar as possible, those established by the Inspector of Jails, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The department, upon the request of the sending sheriff and approval of the county commissioner, may transfer any prisoner serving a sentence in his jail to serve the balance of his sentence, or any part thereof, upon the approval of the sheriff and county commissioner of the receiving county. Cost of transfer or return of such prisoner is to be paid by the sending county; the amount to be paid for the support of the prisoner in the receiving county shall be at a rate agreed upon by the county commissioner party to the transfer, and shall be paid by the sending county.'

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections from the General Fund the sum of \$2,900 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962, and the sum of \$3,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963, to carry out the purposes of section 2 of this act; the breakdown of which shall be as follows:

Department	1961-62	1962-63
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS		
Administration		
Personal Services	\$1,900	\$2,000
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000