

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 433

House of Representatives, February 1, 1973

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. White of Guilford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Credit for Confinement within County Jail
Prior to Sentencing.**

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

R. S., T. 15, § 1701-A, additional. Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1701-A to read as follows:

§ 1701-A. Credit for confinement prior to sentencing

Any person who is sentenced to the Maine State Prison, Men's Correctional Center, Women's Correctional Center, or to any county jail and is in execution thereof, shall be granted credit against the maximum term and minimum term, if applicable, of his sentence during which such person was confined in jail awaiting and during trial prior to the imposition of sentence and not under any sentence of confinement. The clerk of the court sentencing any such person shall record in the judgment and order of commitment the number of days of such confinement and the credit provided for in this section shall be calculated on the basis of such information.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Legislation such as this will allow a person to be credited with the period of time he spends awaiting trial within a county jail.

A person who is unable to furnish bail has no alternative but to stay within the confines of a county jail while awaiting trial. This would allow for more equitable treatment of the offender.