

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. LaPointe of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Eligibility for a Parole Hearing.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 1672, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 1672 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 29 of chapter 391 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

1. **Expiration of  $\frac{1}{3}$  minimum term in minimum-maximum sentence.** Prior to the expiration of  $\frac{1}{3}$  the prisoner's minimum term of imprisonment or 20 months, whichever comes earlier, less the deduction for good behavior, when the law provides for a minimum-maximum sentence;

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make designated prisoners eligible for a parole hearing prior to the expiration of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the minimum sentence or 20 months, whichever comes first. This bill does not guarantee release but leaves it to the parole board in accordance with existing standards. This bill does not apply to all prisoners. It does not apply to certain sex offenders, to persons serving life terms or to persons with a minimum term of 15 years or more.

It can be reasonably expected that the enactment of this bill would result in the saving of money because it is cheaper to have custody of a parolee than to confine him or her in prison.