

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Brennan of Cumberland.

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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 the Escape of Prisoners.**

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

**R. S., T. 34, § 527, amended.** The 4th paragraph of section 527 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by chapter 171 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**Any inmate or prisoner who shall violate regulations to which he is subject or escape from any program or assignment outside the institution shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for any term of years. He shall be prosecuted therefor in the county in which the institution to which he was sentenced is located.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation is designed to clarify existing law which is confusing as to place of trial of an inmate who has escaped from work relief or similar programs. There have been a number of cases in which the vagueness of the statute became a deciding factor in the State's inability to prove an escape. This legislation would clarify that situation.