

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1521

H. P. 1030

House of Representatives, March 26, 1975

Speaker laid before the House and on motion of Mrs. Najarian of Portland, referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning the Employee Uniform Requirements at the Maine State Prison and the Men's Correctional Center.

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

Sec. 1. 34 MRSA § 591, as amended by PL 1969, c. 506, § 2, is further amended to read:

§ 591. Power of officers; uniforms

Employees of the State Prison shall have the same power and authority as sheriffs in their respective counties, only insofar as searching for and apprehending escapees from State Prison are concerned, when so authorized by the warden. Employees of the State Prison may be provided, at the expense of the State, with distinctive uniforms, for use when requisite to the performance of their official duties, all of which shall remain the property of the State, or may be provided with an equivalent clothing allowance when the private purchase of special clothing is similarly requisite to the performance of their official duties. Section 595 shall be applicable whether the employee in the exercise of his authority is in or out of uniform.

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 810, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 346, § 8, is amended to read:

§ 810. Powers of officers; uniforms

Employees of the center shall have the same power and authority as sheriffs in their respective counties, only insofar as searching for, and apprehending escapees from the center are concerned, when so authorized by the super-

intendent. Employees of the center may be provided, at the expense of the State, with distinctive uniforms, for use when requisite to the performance of their official duties, all of which shall remain the property of the State, or **may be provided with an equivalent clothing allowance when the private purchase of special clothing is similarly requisite to the performance of their official duties.** All inmates are required to obey all orders of employees of the center, whether those employees are in uniform or not.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to allow the Warden of the Maine State Prison and the Superintendent of the Men's Correctional Center to substitute a clothing allowance for the present uniform allowance, within existing resources, for employees requiring special clothing instead of uniforms for the performance of their official duties.

This legislation enables administrative implementation of recommendation #67 of the report of the Governor's Task Force on Corrections.