

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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S. P. 108

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

In Senate, February 3, 1977

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Pierce of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to Work Probation in Lieu of Fine.

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

17-A MRSA §§ 1306-1307 are enacted to read:

§ 1306. Probation in lieu of payment of fine

1. When a person has been convicted of any offense which is not punishable by imprisonment or which is punishable by a maximum period of imprisonment of less than one year and has been sentenced to pay a fine, the court may, with the consent of the convicted person, suspend the fine and place the person on probation on the condition that the person perform specified work for the benefit of the State, county, municipality or a charitable institution. The period of probation shall not exceed 6 months.

2. Upon the satisfactory performance of the work ordered pursuant to subsection 1, the court shall terminate the probation and discharge the convicted person. Revocation of probation granted under this section shall be in accordance with chapter 49.

§ 1307. Work in lieu of payment of fine

When a person has been convicted of any offense which is not punishable by imprisonment or which is punishable by a maximum period of imprisonment of less than one year and has been sentenced to pay a fine, the court may, with the consent of the convicted person, continue the case for the execution of the sentence for a period not to exceed 6 months, on the condition that the person perform specified work for the benefit of the State, county,

municipality or a charitable institution. If the person performs the specified work within the period of the continuance, the court shall revoke the fine.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for work penalties in lieu of payment of a fine for persons convicted of any offense which is not punishable by imprisonment or which is punishable by a maximum period of imprisonment of less than one year.