

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 957

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H. P. 754

House of Representatives, March 10, 1977

On Motion of Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to Rehabilitative Programs Within Penal and  
Correctional Institutions Under the Control of the Bureau of Corrections.

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

34 MRSA § 527, 1st ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 171, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The Bureau of Corrections is authorized to implement rehabilitative programs, including work release, within the penal and correctional institutions under its control. Under such programs the head of any such institution shall permit any interested person who has completed  $\frac{1}{3}$  of his minimum sentence, and is considered to be worthy of trust, to participate in activities which may include training and employment, outside the institution, subject to regulations adopted by the Bureau of Corrections, which in the judgment of the head of the institution will contribute to the reformation of the person and will assist in preparing him for eventual release.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit interested persons who have completed  $\frac{1}{3}$  of their minimum sentence to participate in activities which may include training and employment outside the institution.