

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1304

H. P. 1080 On motion of Mr. Spencer of Standish, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tarbell of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Authorizing Intermittent Service of Sentences of Confinement.

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

17-A MRSA § 1252, sub-§ 3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. At the request of or with the consent of a convicted person, a sentence of imprisonment under this chapter, in a county jail or a sentence of probation involving imprisonment in a county jail under chapter 49, may be ordered to be served intermittently.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill makes clear that courts are authorized to permit intermittent or periodic, nighttime or weekend service of sentences of confinement. Where short sentences of confinement are appropriate, such service may permit retention of employment or avoid disintegration of family or household ties of persons convicted of crime.

The provisions of this bill apply to county jails only.