

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 514**

H. P. 414

House of Representatives, February 13, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Prescott of Hampden.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Furloughs for Inmates of County Jails.**

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

**34 MRSA § 1008, first paragraph, last sentence**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 191, § 2, is amended to read:

Furlough may be granted for not more than 3 days at one time in order to permit the prisoner to visit a dying relative or to obtain medical services, which may be for a period of longer than 3 days if medically required **or for any other reason consistent with the treatment and rehabilitation of an inmate or prisoner.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill gives the sheriff the authority to place prisoners in residential treatment facilities, thereby enhancing the opportunities for treatment and rehabilitation.