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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1008

H. P. 805

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mrs. Prescott of Hampden, 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.

Cosponsor: Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Concerning Work Release and School Release for Individuals under the
Department of Mental Health and Corrections.**

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

34 MRSA § 527, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 455, § 4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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 these programs the head of the institution shall permit any interested person who has completed 1/3 of his minimum sentence or determinate 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 allow individuals under the control of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections to participate in work release and school release programs after 1/3 of their sentence has been served. Participation in these programs will be subject to regulations developed by the department.