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7 H.P. 1657

House of Representatives, March 6, 1984

8 Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
9 Reference to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services is  
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Smith of Island Falls.

Cosponsors: Representative Rotondi of Athens, Representative Ainsworth  
of Yarmouth and Representative Mills of Bethel.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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17 AN ACT to Require Prisoners on Work  
18 Release to Pay for the Cost of Their Board in  
19 a Correctional Facility.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 34-A MRSA, §3035, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

24 E. Every prisoner participating in the work re-  
25 lease program shall be liable for the cost of his  
26 board in the correctional facility.

27 (1) The cost of board for a prisoner in a  
28 correctional facility shall be fixed by the  
29 commissioner.

30 (2) Funds received from prisoners for the  
31 board shall be placed in the General Fund.  
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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           The current law governing work release provides  
3 that a prisoner participating in the work release  
4 program shall pay the cost of his transportation to  
5 his work site; it does not authorize the Department  
6 of Corrections to assess a prisoner the cost of his  
7 board. The current law governing work release from a  
8 county jail authorizes the sheriff to charge a pris-  
9 oner participating in the work release program for  
10 his board. The cost of a prisoner's board is fixed by  
11 the county commissioners, the Revised Statutes Title  
12 30, section 1804, subsection 4. This bill makes the  
13 policy governing work release in a state correctional  
14 facility consistent with that governing work release  
15 in the county jails. This bill was suggested by the  
16 audit and program review committee.

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