

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1522

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S.P. 551

In Senate, May 8, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative SMALL of Bath, Representative COLES of Harpswell and Representative CHONKO of Topsham.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

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An Act Concerning Fines Collected by the Courts.

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

3 4 MRSA §1058 is enacted to read:

5 §1058. Housing costs; prisoner

7 A surcharge may be added to every sentence of imprisonment  
9 imposed by any court in this State, which, for the purposes of  
11 collection and collection procedures, shall be considered as a  
13 fine. The amount of the surcharge shall be the amount the  
15 commissioners of the county where a sentenced prisoner will be  
17 housed have determined to be the cost of housing a prisoner  
19 multiplied by the number of days the prisoner actually serves.  
21 All funds collected as a result of this surcharge shall be  
23 deposited monthly in a special account for offsetting the cost of  
housing prisoners.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This bill would permit courts to add a surcharge which would  
23 be treated as a fine to help offset the cost to counties of  
housing prisoners.