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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDS of Hampden.

Cosponsored by Representative MacBRIDE of Presque Isle and Senator
HOBBINS of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Concerning Trafficking in Prison Contraband.



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

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Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §151, sub-§9, as amended by PL 1977, c. 510, §§30 and 31, is further amended to read:

9. Conspiracy is an offense classified as one grade less serious than the classification of the most serious crime which is its object, except that conspiracy to commit murder is a Class A crime, and conspiracy to traffick in prison contraband is a Class C crime. If the most serious crime is a Class E crime, the conspiracy is a Class E crime.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §152, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1977, c. 510, §§33 and 34, is further amended to read:

4. Criminal attempt is an offense classified as one grade less serious than the classification of the offense attempted, except that an attempt to commit a Class E crime is a Class E crime, and an attempt to commit murder is a Class A crime, and an attempt to traffick in prison contraband is a Class C crime.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §757, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Conspiracy to or attempt to traffick in prison contraband is a Class C crime.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a deterrent and therefore reduce the amount of contraband getting into the prison system by raising the class of crime for conspiring to or attempting to traffic in contraband. The bill changes the classification of this crime from a Class D to a Class C offense.