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No. 271

S.P. 133

In Senate, February 1, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Replace Certain Criminal Fines with Community Service.



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

4 **17-A MRSA §1302**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

6 When the court sentences a convicted person to pay a fine,
8 the court may give the person the option of providing community
10 service or participating in another alternative sentencing
12 program instead of paying part or all of the fine. The court
shall determine the appropriate community service or other
alternative available to the convicted person and the amount of
the fine to be waived.

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16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This bill gives judges discretion when imposing fines for
20 committing crimes. This allows judges to prescribe specific
22 community service or another alternative sentencing program. A
convicted person may choose the alternative rather than pay all
or part of the fine.