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In Senate, December 27, 1993

An Act to Amend the Conditions of Probation.

Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 27, 1993. Referred to the Joint Select Committee on Corrections and 1200 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative: CLUKEY of Houlton.

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Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1204, sub-§1-B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 783, §1, is amended to read:

Upon the request of the Department of Corrections, the court shall attach as a condition of probation or intensive supervision that the convicted person pay an electronic monitoring fee, a substance testing fee or both, as determined by the court, for the term of probation or intensive supervision unless the court determines that the convicted person does not have the financial resources to pay these fees. Funds received from probationers or those sentenced to intensive supervision must be deposited into the department's Correctional Program Improvement Fund, except that where authorized by the Department of Corrections, a person on probation or sentenced to intensive supervision may be required to pay fees directly to a provider of electronic monitoring, drug testing or other services. funds from this account, which may not lapse, must be used to defray costs associated with the purchase and operation of electronic monitoring and substance testing programs, including costs associated with those programs for people who do not have the financial resources to pay the fees.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows the Department of Corrections to require a person on probation to pay directly to a provider of electronic monitoring, drug testing or other services fees charged for services which are part of the conditions of probation. The intent of this change is to save the department the expense of collecting, accounting for and disbursing these funds.

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This bill also places the funds collected in a nonlapsing account, which is consistent with the treatment of funds collected from participants in the supervised community confinement program.

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This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.