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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 602, L.D. 812, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Specifying the Place of Imprisonment"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1203, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 925, §10, is repealed.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The Department of Corrections will incur additional costs at state correctional facilities as a result of the change in the place of incarceration for certain sentences. The additional cost to state correctional facilities is approximately \$76.51 per prisoner per day.

The shift of prisoners out of the county jail system will reduce the amount of reimbursement owed by the Department of Corrections to the counties. These savings are estimated to be \$1,822,500 and \$2,430,000 in fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97, respectively. The Governor's revised budget for fiscal years

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2 1995-96 and 1996-97 limits the State's obligation to amounts  
4 appropriated and does not include funding for full reimbursement  
6 to the counties at either the 12-month or the proposed 9-month  
8 threshold in this bill. Therefore, these savings may not be  
available for deappropriation, but instead will reduce the  
difference between the amounts appropriated and the amounts  
required for full reimbursement.

10 The Governor's proposed current services budget includes  
12 changes that may affect this bill's impact on the Community Based  
14 Corrections program. This estimate of the fiscal impact may need  
to be adjusted based on final legislative actions on the current  
services budget.'

16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This amendment repeals current law to provide the same  
20 sentencing parameters for split sentences as for straight  
22 sentences. All sentences involving more than 9 months of  
imprisonment will be served in a facility of the Department of  
Corrections.