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In Senate, April 11, 1995

An Act to Permit Wire-tapped Conversations of or with Prisoners to be Used in Court.

Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 24. Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

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MAY M. ROSS Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENOIT of Franklin. Cosponsored by Senator: CAREY of Kennebec, Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §713, as amended by PL 1983, c. 379, is 4 further amended to read:

6 §713. Evidence

8 The contents of an interception shall are not be admissible in court, except that the contents of an interception of any oral 10 or wire communication which that has been legally obtained under the laws of another jurisdiction in which the interception 12 occurred,-shall-be or that has been legally obtained pursuant to section 712, subsection 2 is admissible in the courts of this 14 State, subject to the Maine Rules of Evidence.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This bill permits the admission in court of wire-tapped conversations of or with prisoners. Currently, such conversations 22 are not admissible.