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House of Representatives, January 30, 1996

An Act to Require Prisoners to Pay Their Fair Share of Victim Restitution.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater. (GOVERNOR'S BILL) Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Franklin and

Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CLARK of Millinocket, CLUKEY of Houlton, GOOLEY of Farmington, JOY of Crystal, LAYTON of Cherryfield, McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'NEAL of Limestone, PEAVEY of Woolwich, PINKHAM of Lamoine, REED of Dexter, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

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

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Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1330, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by 4 PL 1983, c. 793, §2, is amended to read:

2. Payment of restitution from other sources. 6 Anv prisoner, other than one addressed by subsection 1, who is able 8 to generate income money, from whatever source, shall pay 25% of that income money to any victim if the court has ordered that restitution be paid. The correctional facility in which the 10 prisoner is incarcerated shall collect and disburse to the victim or victims that portion of the prisoner's income money ordered as 12 restitution. If the victim or victims ordered by the court to receive restitution have died or eannet can not be located, the 14 correctional facility shall inform the court that ordered restitution. The court shall determine the distribution of these 16 funds.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the language in the law that concerns the payment of restitution by a prisoner to a victim from 25% of all income of a prisoner to 25% of all money generated by the prisoner, which may include nonincome sources of money, some of which add up to substantial amounts.

28 This bill is modeled after the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3032, which concerns restitution imposed as a result of a prison disciplinary proceeding.