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H.P. 290

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

An Act to Require the Revocation of Probation for a Person Convicted of Domestic Violence if the Person Fails to Attend a Certified Batterers' Intervention Program.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway. Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, CLARK of Millinocket, GOODWIN of Pembroke, HATCH of Skowhegan, RINES of Wiscasset.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1205, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1995, c. 502, Pt. F, §13, is further amended to read:

1. If a probation officer has probable cause to believe that a person on probation has violated a condition of that person's probation, that officer may arrest the person or deliver a summons to that person ordering that person to appear for a court hearing on the alleged violation. If a probation officer has probable cause to believe that a person on probation has violated a condition of the probation requiring the person to attend a certified batterers' intervention program, as described in Title 19-A, section 4014, the probation officer shall arrest the person or request a law enforcement officer to arrest the person and shall commence probation revocation proceedings. If the probation officer can not, with due diligence, locate the person in order to arrest the person or serve a summons on that person, that officer shall file a written notice of this fact with the court that placed the person on probation.

SUMMARY

This bill requires probation officers to arrest and bring a motion to revoke the probation of a person who violates a condition of the person's probation requiring attendance in a certified batterers' intervention program.