

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 575

House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

**An Act to Require Counties to be Reimbursed for Medical Expenses
Incurred by Prisoners from Other Jurisdictions.**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.
Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington and
Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BOLDUC of Auburn, DUGAY of Cherryfield,
GILLIS of Danforth, SHOREY of Calais, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe,
STANLEY of Medway.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1561, sub-§§4 and 5** are enacted to read:

6 4. Reimbursement by county of residence. A county may
8 recover the medical and dental expenses incurred by a prisoner
10 who was a resident of another county in this State at the time
12 the offense was committed. Upon receipt of a request for the
14 recovery of medical or dental expenses, the treasurer of the
16 county in which the prisoner resided shall promptly pay those
18 expenses.

20 5. Governor shall seek reciprocity. The Governor shall
22 seek reciprocity agreements with other states and countries to
 provide for the recovery of medical and dental expenses incurred
 by prisoners from other states and countries.

SUMMARY

 This bill requires the county in which a prisoner resided to
reimburse the county in which the prisoner is incarcerated for
medical and dental expenses.