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No. 1055

S.P. 351

In Senate, February 9, 1999

**An Act to Bring Certain Maine Drug Test Levels into Conformity With
Federal Standards.**

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMERON of Rumford and
Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, KIEFFER of Aroostook, MILLS of Somerset,
Representatives: BUMPS of China, CAMPBELL of Holden, CIANCHETTE of South
Portland, MADORE of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §683, sub-§2, ¶G,** as amended by PL 1989, c.
4 832, §6, is further amended to read:

6 G. The cutoff levels for both screening and confirmation
8 tests at which the presence of a substance of abuse in a
sample is considered a positive test result.

10 (1) Cutoff levels for screening tests for marijuana
12 may not be lower than 50 nanograms of
14 delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid per
16 milliliter for urine samples and for confirmation tests
for marijuana may not be lower than 20 15 nanograms of
delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid per
milliliter for urine samples.

18 (2) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules
20 under section 687 regulating screening and confirmation
22 cutoff levels for other substances of abuse, including
24 those substances tested for in blood samples under
subsection 5, paragraph B, to ensure that levels are
26 set within known tolerances of test methods and above
mere trace amounts. An employer may request that the
Department of Human Services establish a cutoff level
28 for any substance of abuse for which the department has
not established a cutoff level;

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill brings Maine law into conformance with all other
34 state and federal government cutoff levels for screening and
confirmation tests for marijuana use in employee substance abuse
testing programs.