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No. 1075

S.P. 374

In Senate, February 9, 1999

An Act to Continue Restorative Justice.

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice 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 MURRAY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth and
Representatives: FRECHETTE of Biddeford, PEAVEY of Woolwich, TOBIN of Dexter.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** both the community resolution teams for juvenile
offenders and community reparation boards for adult offenders as
restorative justice sentencing alternatives will be repealed on
8 May 1, 1999; and

10 **Whereas,** unless this Act is made an emergency, the law that
created the sentencing alternatives will be repealed before the
12 Act takes effect; and

14 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18 safety; now, therefore,

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

22 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3301, sub-§5-A, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.
421, Pt. A, §3, is repealed.

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26 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1204-A, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.
421, Pt. B, §2, is repealed.

28 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

34 State laws establishing community resolution teams for
juvenile offenders and community reparation boards for adult
36 offenders as restorative justice sentencing alternatives are
repealed on May 1, 1999. This bill would continue these
38 sentencing alternatives.