

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 494

S.P. 150

In Senate, February 6, 2001

**An Act to Authorize a Major Medical Insurance Program for Prisoners  
Incarcerated in County Jails.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government 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 MILLS of Somerset.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2253, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:**

6 **1-A. Self-funded pool for medical expenses incurred by**  
8 **county jails. A public self-funded pool formed by 5 or more**  
10 **counties or by an organization representing 5 or more counties**  
12 **may provide risk management and coverage for pool members for**  
14 **medical expenses incurred by county jails for prisoners. A**  
16 **self-funded pool established pursuant to this subsection may**  
18 **collect a premium from pool members to cover 80% of medical**  
**expenses totaling \$10,000 or more incurred for any one prisoner.**

### SUMMARY

This bill authorizes counties to form a self-funded pool to cover medical expenses of prisoners in county jails.