

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 496

S.P. 168

In Senate, February 4, 2003

### An Act To Amend the Period of Probation for Class D Crimes

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety 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 LaFOUNTAIN of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and  
Senator: MAYO of Sagadahoc, Representatives: PERRY of Bangor, SNOWE-MELLO of  
Poland, YOUNG of Limestone.

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

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**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1202, sub-§1,** as repealed and replaced by  
4 PL 1985, c. 821, §5, is amended to read:

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1. A person convicted of a Class A crime may be placed on  
probation for a period not to exceed 6 years; for a Class B or  
8 Class C crime, for a period of probation not to exceed 4 years;  
and for a Class D crime, for a period of probation not to exceed  
10 2 years; and for a Class E crime, for a period of  
probation not to exceed one year.

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**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1202, sub-§1-B,** as amended by PL 2001, c.  
14 386, §3, is further amended to read:

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**1-B.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, the period of probation  
for a person convicted of a ~~Class-D~~ Class E crime involving  
18 domestic violence must be 2 years, except that the term of  
probation must be terminated at the time the probationer  
20 completes a certified batterers' intervention program as defined  
in Title 19-A, section 4014, unless there is another condition of  
22 probation that has yet to be met.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill increases the period of probation for all Class D  
28 crimes to a period not to exceed 2 years. Current law provides  
for a period of probation not to exceed one year for a Class D  
30 crime, except the period of probation for a person convicted of a  
Class D crime involving domestic violence must be 2 years or  
32 until the probationer completes a certified batterers'  
intervention program, unless there is another condition of  
34 probation that has not yet been met.