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House of Representatives, February 20, 2003

**An Act To Require State Reimbursement to Counties for Health
Expenses Incurred For Prisoners in County Jails**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: BENNETT of Caribou, CLARK of Millinocket, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook,
JACKSON of Fort Kent, LANDRY of Sanford, SMITH of Van Buren, WOTTON of Littleton,
Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRS §1562-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§1562-A. Medical care and expenses; reimbursement by State**

8 A county shall exercise all methods of obtaining all sources
10 of reimbursement allowed for medical care expenses under sections
12 1561 and 1562, and the State shall then reimburse a county for
14 all remaining medical and health care expenses incurred by the
16 county for a prisoner in the county jail.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires the State to reimburse each county for
22 all remaining medical care expenses that county incurs caring for
24 a prisoner in a county jail after the county has exercised all
26 other methods for obtaining reimbursement from the prisoner.