

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 481

House of Representatives, February 8, 2007

### **An Act To Reduce Maine's Property Tax Burden by Funding County Jails**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GILES of Belfast. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representatives: KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, THIBODEAU of Winterport,  
WALKER of Lincolnville, WEDDELL of Frankfort.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1217** is enacted to read:

3 **§1217. Operating costs for county jails**

4 Beginning July 1, 2008 and annually thereafter, the Department of Corrections must  
5 pay 50% of all operating costs for county jails statewide.

6 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
7 allocations are made.

8 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

9 **County Jail Prisoner Support and Community Corrections Fund 0888**

10 Initiative: Appropriates funds on an ongoing basis to pay 50% of all operating costs for  
11 county jails statewide.

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13	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
14	All Other	\$0	\$38,562,418
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16	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	\$38,562,418

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill establishes a statutory requirement for the Department of Corrections to pay  
19 50% of all operating costs for county jails statewide.