

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1131

House of Representatives, May 3, 2011

### **An Act To Require All Correctional Facilities in the State To Participate in the Unified Inmate Transportation System**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BURNS of Whiting.  
Cosponsored by President RAYE of Washington and  
Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, HARVELL of Farmington, LONG of Sherman,  
PLUMMER of Windham, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: MASON of Androscoggin,  
WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1803, sub-§3, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 653, Pt. A,  
3 §30, is amended to read:

4 C. Coordinate transportation of inmates in the unified correctional system. In  
5 coordinating the transportation of inmates, the board shall require that the  
6 Department of Corrections when transporting fewer than 5 inmates between facilities  
7 and the county jails when transporting fewer than 10 inmates between facilities use  
8 the unified inmate transportation system.

9 **Sec. 2. Rules.** The Commissioner of Corrections may adopt rules for exceptions to  
10 the required use of the unified inmate transportation system under the Maine Revised  
11 Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1803, subsection 3, paragraph C when it would be  
12 impractical or inefficient for the Department of Corrections or a county jail to use the  
13 system. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in  
14 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires the Department of Corrections and all county jails to use the unified  
17 inmate transportation system operated by the State Board of Corrections to transport  
18 inmates from one facility to another. The resolve also authorizes the Commissioner of  
19 Corrections to adopt rules to establish exceptions for situations in which it would be  
20 impractical or inefficient for the Department of Corrections or a county jail to use the  
21 system.