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In Senate, February 12, 2013

An Act To Amend the County Jail Inspection Requirement for Nationally Accredited Facilities

Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered
printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative LONG of Sherman and
Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, HASKELL of Cumberland, PLUMMER of Cumberland,
Representatives: DION of Portland, MARKS of Pittston, PEASE of Morrill, TYLER of
Windham, WILSON of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1208, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 581, §§10
3 and 59, is amended to read:

4 A. The commissioner shall conduct a comprehensive inspection of each county and
5 municipal detention facility every 2 years, in order to provide the department with
6 information, verified by on-site inspection, regarding compliance with all department
7 standards. The commissioner may dispense with this inspection if, when it is due, the
8 facility is accredited by a nationally recognized correctional accrediting body.

9 **Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1208, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 581, §§10
10 and 59, is amended to read:

11 B. The commissioner shall conduct every 2 years no fewer than 3 ~~additional~~
12 inspections of each county and municipal detention facility ~~during the period between~~
13 ~~each comprehensive inspection,~~ that are in addition to any comprehensive inspections
14 conducted pursuant to paragraph A in order to determine continued compliance with
15 standards.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill allows the Commissioner of Corrections to dispense with a comprehensive
18 inspection of a county jail or other detention facility to determine whether it complies
19 with Department of Corrections standards if it is nationally accredited.