

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 438

House of Representatives, March 3, 2015

**An Act To Provide Enhanced Mental Health Services to the County  
Prison Population**

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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 "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and  
Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, GERRISH of Lebanon, LAJOIE of Lewiston,  
MALABY of Hancock, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to increase funding for mental health care services for the county  
6 prison population, including educating and training prison employees in behavioral health  
7 assessment and protocols on an annual basis. It would also require that every county jail  
8 have a mental health worker on site at least 8 hours a day.