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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 572, L.D. 767, Bill, "An Act To Ensure the Availability of In-person Visitation in County Jails"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act Regarding the Availability of In-person Visitation in County Jails'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1556-A in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1556-A in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment authorizes, instead of requires as in the bill, the sheriff of a county jail to provide for in-person visitation between a prisoner and a visitor of the prisoner, subject to any conditions and limitations required for the safety and security of the jail as determined on a case-by-case basis by the sheriff. The amendment also authorizes, instead of requires as in the bill, the sheriff to provide opportunities for in-person visitation involving physical contact between a prisoner and a visitor of the prisoner, subject to any conditions and limitations required for the safety and security of the jail as determined on a case-by-case basis by the sheriff.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**