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9-A. "Criminal justice agency" means a governmental agency of the State or any subunit of a governmental agency of the State at any governmental level that performs the administration of criminal justice pursuant to statute. "Criminal justice agency" includes the Department of the Attorney General and district attorneys' offices. As used in this subsection, "administration of criminal justice" means activities relating to the investigation of all or specific crimes and the prosecution of offenders.

Sec. 8. 17-A MRSA §1348-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 336, §15, is amended to read:

4. For purposes of a deferred disposition, a person is deemed to have been convicted when the court imposes the sentence. <u>Notwithstanding Title 15, section 1003</u>, subsection 9, prior to sentence imposition, preconviction bail applies to the person.

Sec. 9. 30-A MRSA §1606, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2001, c. 171, §9, is further amended to read:

2. Sentence prorated. Inmates participating in a public works-related project or an improvement of property owned by a charitable organization under this section may have their sentences to the jail prorated at the rate of up to one day removed from the sentences for every 16 hours of participation in the project, except that inmates committed to the custody of the sheriff for nonpayment of fines under Title 17-A, section 1304 must have their sentences prorated at the rate of \$5 removed from the fines for every one hour of participation in the project that is applicable to the individual inmate pursuant to Title 17-A, section 1304, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (1).

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CHAPTER 520

S.P. 706 - L.D. 1779

An Act Relating to Nursing Facility and Inpatient Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Use and storage in inpatient hospice facility or nursing facility permitted. A qualifying patient who is a resident of a hospice provider facility licensed under chapter 1681 or nursing facility licensed under chapter 405, while in the hospice provider facility or nursing facility, may use forms of prepared marijuana that are not smoked, including, but not limited to, vaporized marijuana, edible marijuana and tinctures and salves of marijuana. A qualifying patient who uses a form of prepared marijuana pursuant to this subsection may store the prepared marijuana in the qualifying patient's room and is not required to obtain a registry identification card or to designate the hospice provider or nursing facility as a primary caregiver under subsection 4. A hospice provider or nursing facility is not required to be named as a primary caregiver by a qualifying patient who uses prepared marijuana pursuant to this subsection. This subsection does not limit the ability of a hospice provider or nursing facility to prohibit or restrict the use or storage of prepared marijuana by a qualifying patient.

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CHAPTER 521

H.P. 992 - L.D. 1389

An Act To Expedite the Foreclosure Process

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 402, §21, is amended to read:

6. Transfer of tax on deeds of foreclosure or in lieu of foreclosure. Notwithstanding subsection -4-<u>4-B</u>, the State Tax Assessor shall monthly pay to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection the revenues derived from the tax imposed on the transfer of real property by deeds that convey real property back to a lender holding a bona fide mortgage that is genuinely in default, either by deeds from a mortgagor to a mort-gagee in lieu of foreclosure or by deeds from a mort-gagee to itself at a public sale pursuant to Title 14, section 6323 described in section 4641-C, subsection 2, paragraphs A and C.

Sec. A-2. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Assignment of rights in or connected with foreclosed real property. A person assigning rights in or connected with title to foreclosed real property for which a deed is not given, including rights as high bidder at the public sale pursuant to Title 14, section 6323, shall report the assignment to the register of deeds in the county or counties in which the real property is located within 30 days of the assignment on a return in the form of an affidavit furnished by the State Tax Assessor. The State Tax Assessor shall provide for the collection of the tax in the same manner as in subsection 1 as if the assignment were a transfer of real property by deed. The return must be signed by