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**CHAPTER 369
H.P. 1202 - L.D. 1678**

**An Act To Authorize the
Commissioner of Corrections
To Designate Additional
Employees of the Department
of Corrections To Collect
Biological Samples**

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1575, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 329, §5, is further amended to read:

2-A. Person to collect biological sample. A person described in subsection 2, a corrections officer or other staff member of a county jail or ~~Department of Corrections facility~~ who is designated by the sheriff or jail administrator of that county jail or a corrections officer, probation officer, juvenile community corrections officer or other staff member of the Department of Corrections who is designated by the Commissioner of Corrections and is trained to collect biological samples, ~~a probation officer or a juvenile community corrections officer~~ may collect a biological sample that is not a blood sample.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 370
S.P. 573 - L.D. 1724**

**An Act To Amend the Maine
Emergency Medical Services
Act of 1982 and Related
Provisions**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §18312, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 602, Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:

1. Contribution rate. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3, an emergency medical services person as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, including but not limited to a ~~first responder, basic emergency medical technician, services person or an advanced emergency medical technician and paramedic~~, person, employed by a participating local district that provides a special retirement benefit under section 18453, subsection 4 or 5 shall contribute to the Participating Local District Retirement Program or must have pick-up contributions made by the employer at a rate of 8% of earnable compensation as long as the person is employed as an emergency medical services person.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 602, Pt. B, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Employee Special Plan #2. A retirement benefit to police officers, firefighters, sheriffs, full-time deputy sheriffs, county corrections employees, emergency medical services persons as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, including but not limited to ~~first responders, basic emergency medical technicians, services persons and advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics, persons~~, or any other participating local district employees who have completed 20 to 25 years of creditable service, the number of years to be selected by the participating local district. For the purposes of this subsection, "county corrections employees" means employees of the county who are employed at a county jail and whose duties include contact with prisoners or juvenile detainees. The benefits must be computed as follows:

A. Except as provided in paragraph B, 1/2 of the member's average final compensation; or

B. If the member's benefit would be greater, the part of the service retirement benefit based upon membership service before July 1, 1977, is determined, on a pro rata basis, on the member's current annual salary on the date of retirement or current final compensation, whichever is greater, and the part of the service retirement benefit based upon membership service after June 30, 1977, is determined in accordance with paragraph A.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2013, c. 602, Pt. B, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Firefighter and Emergency Medical Services Person Special Plan #1. A retirement benefit equal to 1/2 of the member's average final compensation to a firefighter, including the chief of a fire department, and an emergency medical services person as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, including but not limited to a ~~first responder, basic emergency medical technician, services person or an advanced emergency medical technician and paramedic~~ person, who has completed at least 25 years of creditable service in that capacity and who retires upon or after reaching ~~age 55 years of age~~.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2013, c. 602, Pt. B, §4, is further amended to read:

4. Firefighter and Emergency Medical Services Person Special Plan #2. A retirement benefit to a firefighter, including the chief of a fire department, and an emergency medical services person as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, including but not limited to a ~~first responder, basic emergency medical technician, services person or an advanced emergency medical technician and paramedic~~, person, who has