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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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For the purposes of this subsection, "tobacco product" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 1551, subsection 3.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §2263-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §32 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended by enacting before the first blocked paragraph a new blocked paragraph to read:

It is a violation of this chapter for a person to intentionally release outdoors a balloon that is inflated or filled with a gas that is lighter than air, except that it is not a violation of this chapter for a person to intentionally release outdoors a balloon carrying scientific instrumentation, a balloon used for meteorological observation by a governmental or scientific organization or a hot air balloon that is recovered after launching.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §2264-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 208, §4, is further amended to read:

§2264-A. Penalties

Unless otherwise indicated, a person who disposes of litter in violation of this chapter commits a civil violation for which the following fines apply.

1. Disposal of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter; intentional release of 16 to 24 balloons. A person who intentionally releases 16 to 24 balloons at one time in violation of this chapter or who disposes of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

1-A. Disposal of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter; intentional release of 16 to 24 balloons; subsequent offenses. A person who violates subsection 1 after having previously violated subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

2. Disposal of more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter; intentional release of more than 24 balloons. A person who intentionally releases more than 24 balloons at one time in violation of this chapter or who disposes of more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter commits a civil violation for which the court:

- A. Shall impose a fine of not less than \$500;
- B. Shall require the person to pay a party sustaining damages arising out of a violation of this subsection treble the actual damages or \$200, whichever amount is greater, plus the injured party's court costs and attorney's fees if action results in a civil proceeding;
- C. Shall require the person to perform not less than 100 hours of public service relating to the removal of litter or to the restoration of an area polluted by litter disposed of in violation of this section. The court shall consult with the Commissioner of

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to determine if there is an opportunity for public service that may improve landowner and sportsman relations;

D. When practical, shall require the person to remove the litter dumped in violation of this subsection;

E. May suspend the person's motor vehicle operator's license for a period of not less than 30 days or more than one year, except as provided in paragraph F. Notwithstanding paragraph F, the court shall suspend all licenses and permits issued under Title 12, Part 13, subpart 4 and recreational vehicle registrations and certificates issued to that person under Title 12, Part 13, subpart 6 for a period of not less than 30 days or more than one year; and

F. May suspend any license, permit, registration or certification issued by a state agency or municipality to the person. A professional license, permit, registration or certification required for that person to operate or establish a business or necessary for the person's primary source of employment may not be suspended unless the items dumped were related to the person's profession or occupation.

2-A. Disposal of more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter; intentional release of more than 24 balloons; subsequent offenses. A person who violates subsection 2 after having previously violated subsection 2 commits a civil violation for which the penalty provisions under subsection 2 apply except for subsection 2, paragraph A, and a fine of not less than \$2,000 must be adjudged.

3. Disposal of more than 500 pounds or more than 100 cubic feet of litter for a commercial purpose. A person who disposes of more than 500 pounds or more than 100 cubic feet of litter for a commercial purpose is subject to the penalties under Title 38, section 349.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 375

H.P. 997 - L.D. 1346

**An Act To Implement the
Recommendations of the Right
To Know Advisory Committee
Concerning Fees Charged for
Responding to Public Records
Requests**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§8, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 662, §5, is amended to read:

B. The agency or official may charge a fee to cover the actual cost of searching for, retrieving and compiling the requested public record ~~of not more than \$15 per hour after the first hour of staff time per request in accordance with this paragraph.~~ Compiling the public record includes reviewing and redacting confidential information.

(1) The agency or official may not charge a fee for the first 2 hours of staff time per request.

(2) After the first 2 hours of staff time, the agency or official may charge a fee of not more than \$25 per hour.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Retention of fees or costs. An agency may retain any fees or costs charged under this section.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 376
H.P. 1182 - L.D. 1593**

**An Act To Provide Pathways to
Rehabilitation, Reentry and
Reintegration**

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 845, §4, is amended to read:

1. Establishment. The commissioner ~~may~~ shall adopt rules establishing and governing a supervised community confinement program for certain prisoners committed to the department.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §§91 to 93, is further amended to read:

2. Participation and eligibility. The commissioner may transfer any prisoner committed to the department ~~to be transferred~~ from a correctional facility to supervised community confinement subject to the following restrictions.

A. A transfer to supervised community confinement may ~~only~~ be granted only subject to rules adopted by the commissioner.

B. A prisoner may not be transferred to supervised community confinement until the prisoner has served at least 2/3 of the term of imprisonment imposed or, in the case of a split sentence, at least 2/3 of the unsuspended portion, after consideration of any deductions that the prisoner has received and retained under Title 17-A, section 2302, subsection 1; section 2305; section 2307; section 2308; section

2309; section 2310; or section 2311 if the term of imprisonment or, in the case of a split sentence, the unsuspended portion is more than 5 years. A prisoner may not be transferred to supervised community confinement until the prisoner has served at least 1/2 of the term of imprisonment imposed or, in the case of a split sentence, at least 1/2 of the unsuspended portion after consideration of any deductions that the prisoner has received and retained under Title 17-A, section 2302, subsection 1; section 2305; section 2307; section 2308; section 2309; section 2310; or section 2311 if the term of imprisonment or, in the case of a split sentence, the unsuspended portion is 5 years or less.

C. Except as provided in paragraph C-1, a prisoner may not be transferred to supervised community confinement unless the prisoner has no more than ~~18 months~~ 2 years remaining on the term of imprisonment or, in the case of a split sentence, on the unsuspended portion, after consideration of any deductions that the prisoner has received and retained under Title 17-A, section 2302, subsection 1; section 2305; section 2307; section 2308; section 2309; section 2310; or section 2311.

C-1. If the commissioner determines that the average statewide probation case load is no more than 90 probationers to one probation officer, then a prisoner may be transferred to supervised community confinement if that prisoner has no more than ~~2 years~~ 30 months remaining on the term of imprisonment or, in the case of a split sentence, on the unsuspended portion, after consideration of any deductions that the prisoner has received and retained under Title 17-A, section 2302, subsection 1; section 2305; section 2307; section 2308; section 2309; section 2310; or section 2311.

D. A prisoner may not be transferred to supervised community confinement if the prisoner has a ~~security~~ custody classification level higher than minimum.

Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Criteria and process. The commissioner shall establish criteria and a process for determining whether a prisoner eligible for transfer to supervised community confinement as provided in subsection 2 is approved for transfer. The primary determining factor for approval must be the prisoner's likelihood of completion of supervised community confinement if transferred.

A. The criteria must be evidence-based and designed to evaluate the likelihood of a prisoner's completion of supervised community confinement if transferred. The criteria must be specific and include, but may not be limited to, fulfillment of