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LD 1704 / HP1184

An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant To Joint Rule 203.) Presented by Representative TUELL of East Machias. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Public Hearing 01/29/18. OTP-AM Accepted 02/15/18. Amended by: CA H-593, SA S-393. Final Disposition: Enacted. (Veto Sustained 07/09/18).

Original Bill

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Analyst's Summary of Bill

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Committee Materials

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New Drafts and Amendments

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Bill to fund Bucks Harbor prison moves forward (N/A) (Machias Valley News Observer, 11/8/2017, p. 8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1704/Clip17868.PDF)

Prison looms large on legislative horizon (Ruth Leubecker) (Machias Valley News Observer, 12/29/2017, p. 5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1704/Clip17966.PDF)

Downeast Correctional workers are told governor 'will be watching closely' (Dennis Hoey) (Portland Press Herald, 1/30/2018, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1704/PPH 180130D.pdf)

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House GOP stands with LePage to thwart bid to reopen Down East prison (Christopher Cousins) (Bangor Daily News, 2/16/2018, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1704/BDN 180216B.pdf)

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