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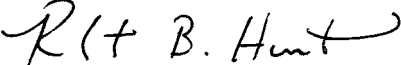
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H.P. 783

House of Representatives, March 21, 2023

An Act to Provide Compensation to and to Limit Work Hours of Jail Employees

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1511** is enacted to read:

3 **§1511. Hours of employees**

4 Beginning January 1, 2024, a jail employee may not work more than 18 hours in a 24-
5 hour period except in exceptional circumstances or when the Governor has declared a state
6 of emergency pursuant to Title 37-B, section 742, subsection 1. For the purposes of this
7 section, "exceptional circumstances" means circumstances beyond the control of the sheriff
8 or jail administrator that pose a threat to the safekeeping of persons committed or
9 transferred to or detained in the custody of the jail, the safe operation of the jail in
10 accordance with this chapter and the standards set pursuant to Title 34-A, chapter 1,
11 subchapter 2 or the safe performance by employees of the jail of their duties.

12 **Sec. 2. Compensation for jail employees.** The Treasurer of State shall issue
13 additional compensation of \$2,500 to each employee of a county jail under the Maine
14 Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 13.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill prohibits, beginning January 1, 2024, a jail employee from working more than
17 18 hours in a 24-hour period except in exceptional circumstances or when the Governor
18 has declared a state of emergency. The bill also directs the Treasurer of State to issue
19 additional compensation of \$2,500 to every jail employee in the State.