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An Act To Recodify and Revise Certain Portions of the Maine Criminal Code

Reported by Representative WARREN of Hallowell for the Criminal Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **PART A**

3 **Sec. A-1. 17-A MRSA Pt. 3**, as amended, is repealed.

4 **Sec. A-2. 17-A MRSA Pt. 6** is enacted to read:

5 **PART 6**

6 **PUNISHMENTS**

7 **CHAPTER 61**

8 **GENERAL SENTENCING PROVISIONS**

9 **§1501. Purposes**

10 The general purposes of the provisions of this Part are to:

11 1. **Prevent crime.** Prevent crime through the deterrent effect of sentences, the
12 rehabilitation of persons and the restraint of individuals when required in the interest of
13 public safety;

14 2. **Encourage restitution.** Encourage restitution in all cases in which the victim can
15 be compensated and other purposes of sentencing can be appropriately served;

16 3. **Minimize correctional experiences.** Minimize correctional experiences that
17 serve to promote further criminality;

18 4. **Provide notice of nature of sentences that may be imposed.** Give fair warning
19 of the nature of the sentences that may be imposed on the conviction of a crime;

20 5. **Eliminate inequalities in sentences.** Eliminate inequalities in sentences that are
21 unrelated to legitimate criminological goals;

22 6. **Encourage just individualization of sentences.** Encourage differentiation
23 among persons with a view to a just individualization of sentences;

24 7. **Elicit cooperation of individuals through correctional programs.** Promote the
25 development of correctional programs that elicit the cooperation of convicted individuals;
26 and

27 8. **Permit sentences based on factors of crime committed.** Permit sentences that
28 do not diminish the gravity of offenses, with reference to the factors, among others, of:

29 A. The age of the victim, particularly of a victim of an advanced age or of a young
30 age who has a reduced ability to self-protect or who suffers more significant harm
31 due to age; and

1 B. The selection by the person of the victim or of the property that was damaged or
2 otherwise affected by the crime because of the race, color, religion, sex, ancestry,
3 national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or homelessness of
4 the victim or of the owner or occupant of that property.

5 **§1502. Authorized sentences**

6 **1. Sentences imposed on individuals and organizations.** Every person convicted
7 of a crime must be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

8 **2. Sentencing alternatives for individuals.** The court shall sentence an individual
9 convicted of a crime to at least one of the following sentencing alternatives:

10 A. Unconditional discharge as authorized by chapter 73;

11 B. A split sentence of imprisonment with probation as authorized by chapter 67,
12 subchapter 1;

13 C. A fine, suspended in whole or in part, with, at the court's discretion, probation as
14 authorized by chapter 67, subchapter 1;

15 D. A suspended term of imprisonment with probation as authorized by chapter 67,
16 subchapter 1;

17 E. A term of imprisonment as authorized by chapter 63;

18 F. A fine as authorized by chapter 65, subchapter 1, which may be imposed in
19 addition to the sentencing alternatives in paragraphs B, D, E, G, H, J, K and L;

20 G. A county jail reimbursement fee as authorized by chapter 65, subchapter 2;

21 H. A specified number of hours of community service work as authorized by chapter
22 71;

23 I. A fine, suspended in whole or in part, with, at the court's discretion, administrative
24 release as authorized by chapter 67, subchapter 2;

25 J. A suspended term of imprisonment with administrative release as authorized by
26 chapter 67, subchapter 2;

27 K. A split sentence of imprisonment with administrative release as authorized by
28 chapter 67, subchapter 2; or

29 L. A term of imprisonment followed by a period of supervised release as authorized
30 by chapter 67, subchapter 3.

31 **3. Deferred disposition.** The court may accept a plea agreement between the
32 attorney for the State and the defendant that provides for an agreed-upon authorized
33 sentencing alternative the imposition of which is deferred in accordance with chapter 67,
34 subchapter 4.

35 **4. Restitution by individuals.** The court may require an individual convicted of a
36 crime to make restitution as authorized by chapter 69. Subject to the limitations of
37 chapter 69, restitution may be imposed as a condition of probation or may be imposed in

1 addition to any other sentencing alternative included within subsection 2 with the
2 exception of an unconditional discharge.

3 **5. Consideration of sentencing alternative involving fine for individuals.** Except
4 when specifically precluded, in choosing the appropriate punishment for an individual
5 convicted of a crime, the court shall consider imposing a sentencing alternative involving
6 a fine either in conjunction with or in lieu of imposing a sentencing alternative involving
7 imprisonment.

8 **6. Consideration of substance use disorder treatment for individuals convicted**
9 **of Class D drug offense.** In choosing the appropriate punishment for an individual
10 convicted of a Class D drug offense, the court shall consider imposing a sentencing
11 alternative that includes medical and mental health treatment for substance use disorder,
12 when appropriate.

13 **7. Sentencing alternatives for organizations.** The court shall sentence an
14 organization convicted of a crime to at least one of the following sentencing alternatives:

15 A. Unconditional discharge as authorized by chapter 73;

16 B. A fine, suspended in whole or in part, with probation as authorized by chapter 67,
17 subchapter 1;

18 C. A fine as authorized by chapter 65, subchapter 1;

19 D. A sanction authorized by section 1503, which may be imposed in addition to the
20 sentencing alternatives in paragraphs B, C and E; or

21 E. A fine, suspended in whole or in part, with administrative release as authorized by
22 chapter 67, subchapter 2.

23 **8. Restitution by organizations.** The court may require an organization convicted
24 of a crime to make restitution as authorized by chapter 69. Subject to the limitations of
25 chapter 69, restitution may be imposed as a condition of probation or may be imposed in
26 addition to any other sentencing alternative included within subsection 7, with the
27 exception of an unconditional discharge.

28 **9. Other authority of court, Department of Corrections and jails.** The provisions
29 of this chapter do not deprive the court of any authority conferred by law to decree a
30 forfeiture of property, suspend or cancel a license, remove a person from office or impose
31 any other civil penalty. An appropriate order exercising such authority may be included
32 as part of the judgment of conviction. The provisions of this chapter do not affect the
33 authority of the Department of Corrections or a county jail granted by statute or the
34 authority to transfer individuals from one facility to another by agreement.

35 **§1503. Sanctions for organizations**

36 **1. Notice to those interested in or affected by conviction.** If an organization is
37 convicted of a crime, the court may, in addition to or in lieu of imposing other authorized
38 penalties, sentence the organization to give appropriate publicity to the conviction by
39 notice to the class or classes of persons or sector of the public interested in or affected by
40 the conviction, by advertising in designated areas or by designated media or otherwise as

1 the court may direct. Failure of the organization to provide the notice required by the
2 court may be punishable as contempt of court.

3 **2. Disqualification from holding office.** If a director, trustee or managerial agent of
4 an organization is convicted of a Class A or Class B crime committed on behalf of the
5 organization, the court may include in the sentence an order disqualifying that individual
6 from holding office in the same or another organization for a period not exceeding 5
7 years, if the court finds that the scope or nature of that individual's illegal actions makes it
8 dangerous or inadvisable for such office to be entrusted to that individual.

9 **3. Deferred disposition.** The court may accept a plea agreement between the
10 attorney for the State and the defendant that provides for an agreed-upon authorized
11 sentencing alternative the imposition of which is deferred in accordance with chapter 67,
12 subchapter 4.

13 **4. Supplementary proceedings for damages.** Prior to the imposition of sentence,
14 the court may direct the Attorney General, a district attorney or any other attorney
15 specially designated by the court to institute supplementary proceedings in the case in
16 which the organization was convicted of the crime to determine, collect and distribute
17 damages to persons in the class that the statute was designed to protect who suffered
18 injuries by reason of the crime, if the court finds that the multiplicity of small claims or
19 other circumstances make restitution by individual suit impractical. Such supplementary
20 proceedings must be pursuant to rules adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court for this
21 purpose. The court in which proceedings authorized by this subsection are commenced
22 may order the State to make available to the attorney appointed to institute such
23 proceedings all documents and investigative reports as are in the State's possession or
24 control and grand jury minutes as are relevant to the proceedings.

25 **§1504. Forfeiture of firearms**

26 **1. Mandatory forfeiture.** As part of every sentence imposed, except as provided in
27 subsection 2, a court shall order that a firearm must be forfeited to the State if:

28 A. That firearm constitutes the basis for conviction under:

29 (1) Title 15, section 393;

30 (2) Section 1105-A, subsection 1, paragraph C-1;

31 (3) Section 1105-B, subsection 1, paragraph C;

32 (4) Section 1105-C, subsection 1, paragraph C-1;

33 (5) Section 1105-D, subsection 1, paragraph B-1;

34 (6) Section 1105-E, subsection 1, paragraph B; or

35 (7) Section 1118-A, subsection 1, paragraph B;

36 B. The State pleads and proves that the firearm is used by the person or an
37 accomplice during the commission of any murder or Class A, Class B or Class C
38 crime or any Class D crime defined in chapter 9, 11 or 13; or

1 portion of that term accompanied by a period of probation or administrative release, the
2 court shall employ the following 3-step process.

3 A. First, the court shall determine a basic term of imprisonment by considering the
4 particular nature and seriousness of the offense as committed by the individual.

5 B. Second, the court shall determine the maximum period of imprisonment to be
6 imposed by considering all other relevant sentencing factors, both aggravating and
7 mitigating, appropriate to the case. Relevant sentencing factors include, but are not
8 limited to, the character of the individual, the individual's criminal history, the effect
9 of the offense on the victim and the protection of the public interest.

10 C. Third, the court shall determine what portion, if any, of the maximum period of
11 imprisonment under paragraph B should be suspended and, if a suspension order is to
12 be entered, determine the appropriate period of probation or administrative release to
13 accompany that suspension.

14 **2. Crime of murder.** In imposing a sentence pursuant to section 1603 for the crime
15 of murder, the court shall employ only the first 2 steps of the sentencing process as
16 specified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B.

17 **3. Imposition of supervised release after imprisonment for violation of gross**
18 **sexual assault.** When the court imposes a period of supervised release after
19 imprisonment for a violation of section 253, subsection 1, paragraph C as required by
20 section 1881, subsection 1 or chooses to impose a period of supervised release after
21 imprisonment for any other violation of section 253, as authorized by section 1881,
22 subsection 2, the court, after employing the first 2 steps of the sentencing process as
23 specified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B, shall determine the appropriate period of
24 supervised release to follow the maximum period of imprisonment.

25 **§1603. Imprisonment for crime of murder**

26 **1. Sentence.** An individual convicted of the crime of murder must be sentenced to
27 imprisonment for life or for any term not less than 25 years, no portion of which may be
28 suspended. The court shall state in the sentence the length of the sentence to be served
29 and shall commit the individual to the Department of Corrections.

30 **2. Factors of age and pregnancy of victim.** In setting a term of imprisonment
31 pursuant to subsection 1, if the victim is a child who had not in fact attained 6 years of
32 age at the time the crime was committed or if the victim is a woman who the convicted
33 individual knew or had reasonable cause to believe to be in fact pregnant at the time the
34 crime was committed, the court shall assign special weight to this fact in determining the
35 basic sentence in the first step of the sentencing process specified in section 1602,
36 subsection 1, paragraph A. The court shall assign special weight to any subjective victim
37 impact in determining the final sentence in the 2nd and final step in the sentencing
38 process specified in section 1602, subsection 1, paragraph B and section 1602, subsection
39 2. This subsection may not be construed to restrict a court in setting the length of a term
40 of imprisonment from considering the age of the victim in other circumstances when
41 relevant.

1 **§1604. Imprisonment for crimes other than murder**

2 **1. Maximum terms of imprisonment dependent on crime class.** Unless a
3 different maximum term of imprisonment is specified by statute, the maximum term of
4 imprisonment is as follows:

5 A. In the case of a Class A crime, 30 years;

6 B. In the case of a Class B crime, 10 years;

7 C. In the case of a Class C crime, 5 years;

8 D. In the case of a Class D crime, one year; or

9 E. In the case of a Class E crime, 6 months.

10 **2. Exceptions to maximum term of imprisonment based on crime class.**
11 Notwithstanding subsection 1:

12 A. In the case of the Class A crime of aggravated attempted murder, the court shall
13 set a term of imprisonment under section 152-A, subsection 2 of life or a definite
14 period of any term of years;

15 B. If the State pleads and proves that the defendant is a repeat sexual assault
16 offender, the court may set a definite period of imprisonment under section 253-A,
17 subsection 1 for any term of years; and

18 C. In the case of the Class A crime of gross sexual assault against an individual who
19 had not yet attained 12 years of age, the court shall set a definite term of
20 imprisonment under section 253-A, subsection 2 for any term of years.

21 **3. Mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for crime with use of firearm**
22 **against an individual.** If the State pleads and proves that a Class A, B or C crime was
23 committed with the use of a firearm against an individual, the minimum sentence of
24 imprisonment, which may not be suspended, is as follows:

25 A. In the case of a Class A crime, 4 years;

26 B. In the case of a Class B crime, 2 years; and

27 C. In the case of a Class C crime, one year.

28 For purposes of this subsection, the applicable sentencing class is determined in
29 accordance with subsection 5, paragraph A.

30 This subsection does not apply if the State pleads and proves criminal threatening or
31 attempted criminal threatening, as defined in section 209, or terrorizing or attempted
32 terrorizing, as defined in section 210, subsection 1, paragraph A.

33 **4. Mandatory minimum sentence of imprisonment for certain drug crimes.** For
34 an individual convicted of violating section 1105-A, 1105-B, 1105-C, 1105-D or 1118-A,
35 except as otherwise provided in section 1125, subsections 2 and 3, the court shall impose
36 a minimum sentence of imprisonment, which may not be suspended, as provided in
37 section 1125, subsection 1.

1 **5. Circumstances elevating class of crime.** The following circumstances elevate
2 the class of a crime.

3 A. If the State pleads and proves that a Class B, C, D or E crime was committed with
4 the use of a dangerous weapon, then the sentencing class for such crime is one class
5 higher than it would otherwise be. In the case of a Class A crime committed with the
6 use of a dangerous weapon, such use must be assigned special weight by the court in
7 exercising its sentencing discretion. This paragraph does not apply to a violation or
8 an attempted violation of section 208, to any other offenses to which use of a
9 dangerous weapon serves as an element or to any offense for which the sentencing
10 class is otherwise elevated because the actor or an accomplice to that actor's or
11 accomplice's knowledge was armed with a firearm or other dangerous weapon.

12 B. If the State pleads and proves that, at the time any crime, excluding murder, under
13 chapter 9, 11, 13 or 27; section 402-A, subsection 1, paragraph A; or section 752-A
14 or 752-C was committed, or an attempt of any such crime was committed, the
15 individual had 2 or more prior convictions under chapter 9, 11, 13 or 27; section
16 402-A, subsection 1, paragraph A; or section 752-A or 752-C, or for an attempt of
17 any such crime, or for engaging in substantially similar conduct in another
18 jurisdiction, the sentencing class for the crime is one class higher than it would
19 otherwise be.

20 (1) In the case of a Class A crime, the sentencing class is not elevated, but the
21 prior record must be assigned special weight by the court when imposing a
22 sentence.

23 (2) Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a
24 sentence, except that, for the purposes of this paragraph, for violations under
25 chapter 11, the dates of prior convictions may have occurred at any time.

26 This paragraph does not apply to section 210-A if the prior convictions have already
27 served to elevate the sentencing class under section 210-A, subsection 1, paragraph C
28 or E or any other offense in which prior convictions have already served to elevate
29 the sentencing class.

30 C. The sentencing class for a crime that is pled and proved and is subject to elevation
31 pursuant to both paragraphs A and B may be elevated successively pursuant to both
32 of those paragraphs if the crime that is pled and proved contains different class
33 elevation factors.

34 **6. Special weight required for certain aggravating sentencing factors pleaded**
35 **and proved.** In exercising its sentencing discretion, a court shall assign special weight to
36 the following aggravating sentencing factors pleaded and proved by the State:

37 A. In the case of Class A gross sexual assault, the aggravating sentencing factor
38 specified in section 253-A, subsection 3, paragraph A;

39 B. In the case of gross sexual assault in violation of section 253, subsection 1 or
40 section 253, subsection 2, the aggravating sentencing factor specified in section
41 253-A, subsection 3, paragraph B; and

1 C. In the case of sexual exploitation of a minor, the aggravating sentencing factor
2 specified in section 282, subsection 3.

3 **7. Special weight required for certain aggravating sentencing factors found**
4 **present by court.** In exercising its sentencing discretion, the court shall assign special
5 weight to the following aggravating sentencing factors if found by the court.

6 A. In imposing a sentencing alternative involving a term of imprisonment for an
7 individual convicted of aggravated attempted murder, attempted murder,
8 manslaughter, elevated aggravated assault or aggravated assault of a child who had
9 not in fact attained 6 years of age at the time the crime was committed, the court shall
10 assign special weight to this objective fact in determining the basic term of
11 imprisonment as the first step in the sentencing process specified in section 1602,
12 subsection 1, paragraph A. The court shall assign special weight to any subjective
13 victim impact in determining the maximum period of incarceration in the 2nd step in
14 the sentencing process specified in section 1602, subsection 1, paragraph B. The
15 court may not suspend that portion of the maximum term of imprisonment based on
16 objective or subjective victim impact in arriving at the final sentence as the 3rd and
17 final step in the sentencing process specified in section 1602, subsection 1, paragraph
18 C. This paragraph may not be construed to restrict a court in setting a sentence from
19 considering the age of the victim in other circumstances when relevant.

20 B. In imposing a sentencing alternative involving a term of imprisonment for an
21 individual convicted of aggravated attempted murder, attempted murder,
22 manslaughter, elevated aggravated assault or aggravated assault of a woman who the
23 convicted individual knew or had reasonable cause to believe to be in fact pregnant at
24 the time the crime was committed, the court shall assign special weight to this fact in
25 determining the basic term of imprisonment as the first step in the sentencing process
26 specified in section 1602, subsection 1, paragraph A. The court shall assign special
27 weight to any subjective victim impact in determining the maximum period of
28 incarceration in the 2nd step in the sentencing process specified in section 1602,
29 subsection 1, paragraph B. The court may not suspend that portion of the maximum
30 term of imprisonment based on objective or subjective victim impact in arriving at
31 the final sentence as the 3rd and final step in the sentencing process specified in
32 section 1602, subsection 1, paragraph C. This paragraph may not be construed to
33 restrict a court in setting a sentence from considering the fact that the victim was
34 pregnant in other circumstances when relevant.

35 C. In imposing a sentencing alternative involving a term of imprisonment for an
36 individual convicted of a Class C or higher crime, the victim of which was at the time
37 of the commission of the crime in fact being stalked by that individual, the court shall
38 assign special weight to this objective fact in determining the basic sentence in the
39 first step of the sentencing process specified in section 1602, subsection 1, paragraph
40 A. The court shall assign special weight to any subjective victim impact caused by
41 the stalking in determining the maximum period of incarceration in the 2nd step in
42 the sentencing process specified in section 1602, subsection 1, paragraph B.

1 **§1605. Suspension of all or part of the term of imprisonment imposed**

2 Unless the law that the individual is convicted of violating expressly provides that an
3 authorized term of imprisonment may not be suspended, if the individual is eligible for
4 probation as authorized by chapter 67, subchapter 1 or administrative release as
5 authorized by chapter 67, subchapter 2, a sentencing court may suspend the authorized
6 term of imprisonment in whole or in part and accompany the suspension with a period of
7 probation, which may not exceed the maximum period of probation authorized for the
8 crime pursuant to section 1804, or a period of administrative release, which may not
9 exceed one year.

10 **§1606. General inapplicability of deductions under chapter 81 in setting the term of**
11 **imprisonment**

12 If a court imposes a sentencing alternative pursuant to section 1502 that includes a
13 term of imprisonment, in setting the appropriate length of that term, as well as an
14 unsuspended portion of that term, if any, the court may not consider the potential impact
15 of deductions under chapter 81 except in the context of a plea agreement in which both
16 parties are recommending to the court a particular disposition under the Maine Rules of
17 Unified Criminal Procedure, Rule 11-A.

18 **§1607. Prohibition against imprisonment based on incapacity to pay fine**

19 If a court finds that an individual has met the burden of proving incapacity to pay a
20 fine pursuant to section 1702, subsection 2, the court may not impose a term of
21 imprisonment or any other sentencing alternative involving imprisonment solely for the
22 reason that the individual does not have the present or future capacity to pay the fine.

23 **§1608. Multiple sentences of imprisonment**

24 **1. Court to state whether sentence is served concurrently or consecutively;**
25 **consecutive sentence contingent upon certain factors.** The court shall state in the
26 sentence of imprisonment whether a sentence must be served concurrently with or
27 consecutively to any other sentence previously imposed or to another sentence imposed
28 on the same date. The sentences must be concurrent except that the court may impose the
29 sentences consecutively after considering the following factors:

30 A. The convictions are for offenses based on different conduct or arising from
31 different criminal episodes;

32 B. The individual was under a previously imposed suspended or unsuspended
33 sentence and was on probation or administrative release, under incarceration or on a
34 release program or period of supervised release at the time the individual committed a
35 subsequent offense;

36 C. The individual had been released on bail when that individual committed a
37 subsequent offense, either pending trial of a previously committed offense or pending
38 the appeal of previous conviction; or

39 D. The seriousness of the criminal conduct involved in either a single criminal
40 episode or in multiple criminal episodes or the seriousness of the criminal record of

1 the individual, or both, require a sentence of imprisonment in excess of the maximum
2 available for the most serious offense.

3 **2. Limitations on imposition of consecutive terms for crimes in same criminal**
4 **episode.** An individual may not be sentenced to consecutive terms for crimes arising out
5 of the same criminal episode if:

6 A. One crime is an included crime of the other;

7 B. One crime consists only of a conspiracy, attempt, solicitation or other form of
8 preparation to commit, or facilitation of, the other;

9 C. The crimes differ only in that one is defined to prohibit a designated kind of
10 conduct generally and the other to prohibit a specific instance of that conduct; or

11 D. Inconsistent findings of fact are required to establish the commission of the
12 crimes.

13 **3. Reason for consecutive sentences must be stated.** If the court decides to impose
14 consecutive sentences, the court shall state its reasons for doing so on the record or in the
15 sentences.

16 **4. When new sentence is to be served consecutively for individual on probation**
17 **or administrative release.** If an individual has been placed on probation or
18 administrative release pursuant to a previously imposed sentence and the court
19 determines that the previously imposed sentence and a new sentence must be served
20 consecutively, the court shall revoke probation or administrative release pursuant to
21 section 1812, subsections 5 and 6. The court may order that the sentence that had been
22 suspended be served at the same institution as that which is specified by the new
23 sentence.

24 **5. Mandatory resentencing following discovery of previously imposed sentence.**
25 If it is discovered subsequent to the imposition of a sentence of imprisonment that the
26 sentencing court was unaware of a previously imposed sentence of imprisonment that is
27 not fully discharged, the court shall resentence the individual and shall specify whether
28 the sentences are to be served concurrently or consecutively.

29 **6. Special requirements for individual previously sentenced in another**
30 **jurisdiction.** If an individual who has been previously sentenced in another jurisdiction
31 has not commenced or completed that sentence, the court may, with consideration of the
32 factors stated in subsection 1, sentence the individual to a term of imprisonment that must
33 be treated as a concurrent sentence from the date of sentencing although the individual is
34 incarcerated in an institution of the other jurisdiction. A concurrent sentence pursuant to
35 this subsection may not be imposed unless the individual being sentenced consents or
36 unless the individual being sentenced executes, at the time of sentencing, a written waiver
37 of extradition for that individual's return to this State, upon completion of the sentence of
38 the other jurisdiction, if any portion of this State's sentence remains unserved. In the
39 absence of an order pursuant to this subsection requiring concurrent sentences, any
40 sentence of imprisonment in this State commences as provided in section 2303,
41 subsections 1 and 2 and runs consecutively to the sentence of the other jurisdiction.

1 **7. Sentencing subsequent to probation, administrative release or supervised**
2 **release.** A court may not impose a sentence of imprisonment, not wholly suspended, to
3 be served consecutively to any split sentence, or to any sentence including supervised
4 release under chapter 67, subchapter 3, previously imposed or imposed on the same date,
5 if the net result, even with the options made available by subsections 4 and 8 and section
6 1804, subsection 12, would be to have the individual released from physical confinement
7 to be on probation, administrative release or supervised release for the first sentence and
8 thereafter be required to serve an unsuspended term of imprisonment on the 2nd sentence.

9 **8. Rearrangement of order of sentences.** A court imposing a sentence of
10 imprisonment to be served consecutively to any other previously imposed sentence that
11 the individual has not yet commenced, in order to comply with subsection 7, may
12 rearrange the order in which the sentences are to be served.

13 **§1609. Nonconcurrent sentence for crime attempted or committed while in**
14 **execution of term of imprisonment**

15 Notwithstanding section 1608, when an individual subject to an undischarged term of
16 imprisonment is convicted of a crime committed while in execution of any term of
17 imprisonment or of an attempt to commit a crime while in execution of any term of
18 imprisonment, the sentence is not concurrent with any undischarged term of
19 imprisonment. The court may order that any undischarged term of imprisonment be
20 tolled and service of the nonconcurrent sentence commence immediately and the court
21 shall so order if any undischarged term of imprisonment is a split sentence. No portion of
22 the nonconcurrent sentence may be suspended. Any sentence that the convicted
23 individual receives as a result of the conviction of a crime or attempt to commit a crime
24 while in execution of a term of imprisonment must be nonconcurrent with all other
25 sentences.

26 This section applies to prisoners on supervised community confinement pursuant to
27 Title 34-A, section 3036-A.

28 **§1610. Place of imprisonment**

29 **1. Class D or Class E crimes.** The court shall specify a county jail as the place of
30 imprisonment for an individual convicted of a Class D or Class E crime, except that, if a
31 sentence to a term of imprisonment in a county jail is consecutive to or is to be followed
32 by a sentence to a term of imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections,
33 the court imposing either sentence may order that both be served in the custody of the
34 Department of Corrections. If a court imposes consecutive terms of imprisonment for
35 Class D or Class E crimes and the aggregate length of the terms imposed is one year or
36 more, the court may order that they be served in the custody of the Department of
37 Corrections.

38 **2. Class A, Class B or Class C crimes.** For an individual convicted of a Class A,
39 Class B or Class C crime the court shall:

40 **A.** Specify a county jail as the place of imprisonment if the term of imprisonment is
41 **9 months or less; or**

1 financial burden that payment of the fine will impose on the person or a dependent, if
2 any, of the person.

3 **2. Burden of proving financial hardship or incapacity to pay.** A convicted
4 person who asserts a present or future incapacity to pay a fine or asserts that the fine will
5 cause an excessive financial hardship on the person or on a dependent of the person has
6 the burden of proving the incapacity or excessive hardship by a preponderance of the
7 evidence. On appeal of a sentencing alternative involving a fine, the person has the
8 burden of demonstrating that the incapacity or excessive financial hardship was proven as
9 a matter of law.

10 **§1703. Use of fine relative to individuals**

11 Except when specifically precluded, in choosing the appropriate punishment for an
12 individual convicted of a crime, the court shall consider the desirability of imposing a
13 sentencing alternative involving a fine either in conjunction with or in lieu of a sentencing
14 alternative involving imprisonment. A sentencing alternative involving imprisonment
15 may not be imposed by a court solely for the reason that the individual does not have the
16 present or future financial capacity to pay a fine.

17 **§1704. Maximum fine amounts authorized for convicted individuals**

18 An individual who has been convicted of a Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D or
19 Class E crime may be sentenced to pay a fine. Except as provided in section 1706 and
20 unless a different maximum fine is specified by statute, the maximum fine that may be
21 imposed by a court on a convicted individual is as follows:

22 **1. Class A crime.** In the case of a Class A crime, \$50,000;

23 **2. Class B crime.** In the case of a Class B crime, \$20,000;

24 **3. Class C crime.** In the case of a Class C crime, \$5,000;

25 **4. Class D crime.** In the case of a Class D crime, \$2,000; and

26 **5. Class E crime.** In the case of a Class E crime, \$1,000.

27 **§1705. Maximum fine amounts authorized for convicted organizations**

28 An organization that has been convicted of murder or a Class A, Class B, Class C,
29 Class D or Class E crime may be sentenced to pay a fine. Except as provided in section
30 1706 and unless a different maximum fine is specified by statute, the maximum fine that
31 may be imposed by a court on a convicted organization is as follows:

32 **1. Crime of murder.** In the case of the crime of murder, any amount;

33 **2. Class A crime.** In the case of a Class A crime, \$100,000;

34 **3. Class B crime.** In the case of a Class B crime, \$40,000;

35 **4. Class C crime.** In the case of a Class C crime, \$20,000; and

1 **5. Class D crime or Class E crime.** In the case of a Class D crime or a Class E
2 crime, \$10,000.

3 **§1706. Exceptions to maximum fine amounts**

4 Notwithstanding the maximum fine amounts specified in sections 1704 and 1705, a
5 court may impose fines as provided in this section.

6 **1. Pecuniary gain.** Regardless of the classification of the crime, the court may
7 impose a fine on a convicted person that is in an amount greater than the maximum fine
8 amounts specified in section 1704 for an individual and section 1705 for an organization
9 as long as the fine does not exceed twice the pecuniary gain derived from the crime by
10 the convicted person. The State must plead and prove the amount of money or the value
11 of the property obtained by the person at the time of the commission of the crime. At
12 sentencing, if the court is considering imposing a fine based upon pecuniary gain, it shall
13 hold a hearing in order to determine the pecuniary gain. At the hearing the court shall
14 determine whether any money or property was returned to the victim of the crime or was
15 seized by or surrendered to a lawful authority prior to the time of sentencing, and shall
16 determine the value of any such property. If the court finds that money or property was
17 returned, seized or surrendered, the court shall reduce the pecuniary gain pleaded and
18 proved by the State at trial by the amount of money or the value of property returned,
19 seized or surrendered in order to arrive at the net amount of pecuniary gain upon which a
20 fine may be based pursuant to this subsection. If the court determines that no money or
21 property was returned, seized or surrendered, the court shall base the fine on the amount
22 pleaded and proved by the State.

23 As used in this subsection, "pecuniary gain" means the amount of money or the value of
24 property at the time of the commission of the crime derived by the person from the
25 commission of the crime.

26 **2. Fine based on quantity of item illegally possessed by convicted person.**
27 Whenever a statute makes the possession of a particular item, whether animate or
28 inanimate, a criminal offense and provides that the amount of the fine depends upon the
29 quantity of the item possessed by the person, if the State pleads and proves the quantity of
30 the item possessed by the person, the fine is as provided for in the statute and is not
31 subject to the maximum limits placed on fines by sections 1704 and 1705.

32 **3. Fine based on value of scheduled drug at time of offense.** Whenever a statute
33 authorizes that the amount of the fine for a specific drug offense be based on the value of
34 the scheduled drug at the time of the offense upon which the conviction is based, if the
35 State pleads and proves the value of the scheduled drug at the time of the offense, the fine
36 may be as provided for in the statute and is not subject to the maximum limits placed on
37 fines by sections 1704 and 1705.

38 **§1707. Multiple fines imposed on convicted person**

39 When multiple fines are imposed on a convicted person at the same time or when a
40 fine is imposed on a convicted person already subject to an unpaid or partly unpaid fine,
41 the fines must be cumulative, unless the court specifies that only the highest single fine

1 must be paid in the case of offenses based on the same conduct or arising out of the same
2 criminal episode or for other good cause stated on the record or in the sentences.

3 **§1708. Time and method of payment of fines imposed on convicted person**

4 **1. Timing of fine payment.** If a convicted person is sentenced to pay a fine, the
5 court may grant permission for the payment to be made within a specified period of time
6 or in specified installments. If such permission is not included in the sentence, the fine
7 must be paid immediately to the clerk of the court.

8 **2. Payment as condition of probation or administrative release.** If a convicted
9 person sentenced to pay a fine is also placed on probation or administrative release, the
10 court may make the payment of the fine a condition of probation or administrative
11 release. In the case of probation, the court may order that the fine be paid to the
12 convicted person's probation officer.

13 **§1709. Post-conviction relief invalidating conviction; potential return of fine**
14 **payments**

15 If, in any judicial proceeding following conviction, a court issues a final judgment
16 invalidating the conviction, the judgment may include an order that a fine payment or any
17 part of a fine payment that the convicted person paid pursuant to the sentence for that
18 conviction be returned to that person.

19 **§1710. Modification of payment of fine**

20 If a convicted person who has been sentenced to pay a fine is in danger of default,
21 that person shall move the court for a modification of time or method of payment to avoid
22 a default. The court may modify its prior order to allow additional time for payment or to
23 reduce the amount of each installment.

24 **§1711. Default**

25 **1. Return to court upon default.** A convicted person who has been sentenced to
26 pay a fine and who fails to pay part or all of that fine is in default and must be returned to
27 court to explain the failure to pay the fine.

28 **2. Court authorized to conduct default hearing.** A convicted person who has
29 defaulted on the payment of a fine and is required to be returned to a court pursuant to a
30 warrant may be returned to the court that issued the warrant or to the court having
31 jurisdiction over the area where the warrant was executed. Either court is authorized to
32 conduct the default hearing pursuant to subsection 4.

33 For purposes of this subsection, "convicted person" includes an individual or individuals
34 authorized to make disbursements from the assets of a convicted organization.

35 **3. Reporting of default; motion to revoke probation, revoke administrative**
36 **release or enforce payment.** A probation officer having knowledge of a default in
37 payment of a fine by a convicted person shall report the default to the office of the
38 attorney for the State. An attorney for the State having knowledge of a default in

1 payment of a fine by a convicted person shall report the default to the court. If the fine
2 was a condition of probation, the attorney for the State may file a motion to enforce
3 payment of the fine or, with the written consent of the probation officer, a motion to
4 revoke probation under section 1811. If the fine was a requirement of administrative
5 release, the attorney for the State may file a motion to enforce payment of the fine or a
6 motion to revoke administrative release under section 1855. If the fine was not a
7 condition of probation or a requirement of administrative release, the attorney for the
8 State may file a motion to enforce payment of the fine.

9 **4. Procedure for motion to enforce payment.** Either the attorney for the State or
10 the court may initiate a motion to enforce payment of a fine. Notification for the hearing
11 on the motion must be sent by regular mail to the convicted person's last known address.
12 If the person does not appear for the hearing after proper notification has been sent, the
13 court may issue a bench warrant. A court need not bring a motion to enforce payment of a
14 fine nor notify the person by regular mail of the date of the hearing if at the time of
15 sentence imposition the court's order to pay the fine and accompanying warnings to the
16 person comply with Title 14, section 3141, subsection 3 or 4; in this case, if the person
17 fails to appear as directed by the court's fine order, the court may issue a bench warrant.

18 A. Unless the person shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the default was
19 not attributable to an intentional or knowing refusal to obey the court's order or to a
20 failure on the person's part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for
21 the payment, the court shall find that the default was unexcused and may:

22 (1) Commit the person to the custody of the sheriff until all or a specified part of
23 the fine is paid. The length of confinement in a county jail for unexcused default
24 must be specified in the court's order and may not exceed 6 months. A person
25 committed for nonpayment of a fine is given credit toward the payment of the
26 fine for each day of confinement that the person is in custody at the rate specified
27 in the court's order, which may not be less than \$25 or more than \$100 of unpaid
28 fine for each day of confinement. The person is also given credit for each day
29 that the person is detained as the result of an arrest warrant issued pursuant to this
30 section. A person is responsible for paying any fine remaining after receiving
31 credit for confinement and detention. A default on the remaining fine is also
32 governed by this section; or

33 (2) If the unexcused default relates to a fine imposed for a Class C, Class D or
34 Class E crime, as authorized by this subchapter, order the person to perform a
35 specified number of hours of community service work for the benefit of the State,
36 a county, a municipality, a school administrative district or other public entity, a
37 charitable institution or other entity approved by the court until all or a specified
38 part of the fine is paid. The number of hours of community service work must be
39 specified in the court's order and the person must receive a credit against the
40 unpaid fine at a rate equal to the current hourly minimum wage. A person
41 ordered to perform community service work pursuant to this subparagraph is
42 given credit toward the payment of the fine for each 8-hour day of community
43 service work performed. The person is also given credit toward the payment of
44 the fine for each day that the person is detained as a result of an arrest warrant
45 issued pursuant to this section at a rate specified in the court's order that is up to

1 \$100 of unpaid fine per day of confinement. A person who fails to complete the
2 work in the manner ordered by the court must be returned to the court to explain
3 the failure. A person is responsible for paying any fine remaining after receiving
4 credit for any detention and for community service work performed. A default
5 on the remaining fine is also governed by this section.

6 The Department of Corrections is not responsible for supervision of community
7 service work performed pursuant to this subparagraph.

8 B. If it appears that the default is excusable, the court may give the person additional
9 time for payment, may reduce the amount of each installment or may permit the
10 person to perform community service work at the rate authorized by paragraph A,
11 subparagraph (2), supervised by the sheriff of the county in which the court that
12 assessed the fine is located or by a community confinement monitoring agency with
13 which that sheriff has contracted under Title 30-A, section 1659-A.

14 C. If the court commits a person to the custody of the sheriff for nonpayment of a
15 fine pursuant to paragraph A, subparagraph (1), the court may authorize, at the time
16 of its order only, participation of the person in a project under Title 30-A, section
17 1606 with the agreement of the sheriff of the county jail where the person is
18 committed. The person must be given credit according to Title 30-A, section 1606,
19 subsection 2.

20 D. The confinement ordered under paragraph A, subparagraph (1) must be
21 nonconcurrent with any judgment of conviction involving a term of imprisonment.

22 **5. Levy of execution or other civil measures authorized; consequence of levy of**
23 **execution.** Upon any default, the court may order execution to be levied and may order
24 other measures authorized for the collection of unpaid civil judgments to be taken to
25 collect the unpaid fine. A levy of execution does not discharge a convicted person
26 confined to a county jail or performing community service work under subsection 4 for
27 unexcused default until the full amount of the fine has been collected or credited.

28 **6. Payment of fine imposed on organization; consequence of failure.** When a
29 fine is imposed on an organization, the individual or individuals authorized to make
30 disbursements from the assets of the organization shall pay the fine from the
31 organization's assets. Failure to do so may subject the individual or individuals to court
32 action pursuant to this section.

33 **§1712. Deposit of certain fines in Maine Military Family Relief Fund**

34 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if a person is convicted under
35 section 354, subsection 2, paragraph A of theft by deception due to that person's
36 intentional creation or reinforcement of a false impression that the person is a veteran or a
37 member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a state military force, any fine
38 imposed on that person by the court must be deposited in the Maine Military Family
39 Relief Fund established in Title 37-B, section 158.

40 **SUBCHAPTER 2**

41 **FEES, ASSESSMENTS AND SURCHARGES**

1 **§1751. County jail reimbursement fee**

2 **1. Assessment of reimbursement fee.** When an individual is sentenced to
3 incarceration in a county jail, the sentencing court shall consider and may assess as part
4 of the sentence a jail reimbursement fee, referred to in this section as "the reimbursement
5 fee," to help defray the expenses of the individual's room and board.

6 **2. Evidence.** The court, in determining whether a reimbursement fee as set out in
7 subsection 1 is to be assessed and in establishing the amount of that fee, shall consider
8 evidence relevant to the individual's ability to pay that fee, including, but not limited to,
9 the factors set forth in section 2005, subsection 2, paragraph D, subparagraphs (1) to (5).
10 The court may not consider as evidence the following:

11 A. Joint ownership, if any, that the individual may have in real property;

12 B. Joint ownership, if any, that the individual may have in any assets, earnings or
13 other sources of income; and

14 C. The income, assets, earnings or other property, both real and personal, owned by
15 the individual's spouse or family.

16 **3. Amount of reimbursement fee; collection.** After considering all relevant
17 evidence on the issue of the individual's ability to pay under subsection 2, the court may
18 enter, as part of its sentence, a reimbursement fee that must be paid by the individual for
19 incarceration in the county jail. The reimbursement fee may not exceed the cost of
20 incarcerating the individual or \$80 per day, whichever is less, and must bear a reasonable
21 relationship to the individual's ability to pay. Upon petition by the individual, the amount
22 may be modified to reflect any changes in the financial status of the individual.

23 Any reimbursement fee assessed must be collected by the county treasurer of the county
24 in which the individual is incarcerated, paid into the treasury of that county and credited
25 to the county responsible for paying for the incarceration of the individual.

26 **4. Timing of fee payment.** If an individual is sentenced to pay a reimbursement fee,
27 the court may allow the individual to pay the reimbursement fee within a specified time
28 or in specified installments. If such permission is not contained in the sentence, the
29 reimbursement fee is payable immediately.

30 **5. Default.** An individual who has been sentenced to pay a reimbursement fee and
31 who fails to pay part or all of that fee is in default and must be returned to court to explain
32 the failure to pay that fee.

33 A probation officer who knows of a default in payment of a reimbursement fee by an
34 individual shall report the default to the office of the attorney for the State or the attorney
35 for the county. If the reimbursement fee was a condition of probation, the attorney for the
36 State or the attorney for the county may file a motion to enforce payment of the
37 reimbursement fee or, with the written consent of the probation officer, the attorney for
38 the State may file a motion to revoke probation under section 1205. If the reimbursement
39 fee was a requirement of administrative release, the attorney for the State or the attorney
40 for the county may file a motion to enforce payment of the reimbursement fee or the
41 attorney for the State may file a motion to revoke administrative release under section

1 1855. If the reimbursement fee was not a condition of probation or a requirement of
2 administrative release, the attorney for the State or the attorney for the county may file a
3 motion to enforce payment of the reimbursement fee.

4 **6. Motion to enforce payment of reimbursement fee.** The attorney for the State,
5 the attorney for the county or the court may initiate a motion to enforce payment of a
6 reimbursement fee. Notification for the hearing on the motion must be sent by regular
7 mail to the individual's last known address. If the individual does not appear for the
8 hearing after proper notification has been sent, the court may issue a bench warrant.

9 A. Unless the individual shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the default
10 was not attributable to an intentional or knowing refusal to obey the court's order or
11 to a failure on the individual's part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds
12 required to make payment, the court shall find that the default was unexcused and
13 may commit the individual to the custody of the sheriff until all or a specified part of
14 the reimbursement fee is paid. The length of confinement in a county jail for
15 unexcused default must be specified in the court's order and may not exceed 6
16 months. An individual committed for nonpayment of a reimbursement fee is given
17 credit toward the payment of a reimbursement fee for each day of confinement that
18 the individual is in custody, at the rate specified in the court's order, which may not
19 be less than \$25 or more than \$100 of unpaid reimbursement fee for each day of
20 confinement. The individual is also given credit for each day that the individual has
21 been detained as the result of an arrest warrant issued pursuant to this section. An
22 individual is responsible for paying any reimbursement fee remaining after receiving
23 credit for confinement and detention.

24 B. If it appears that the default is excusable, the court may give the individual
25 additional time for payment or may reduce the amount of each installment.

26 C. The confinement ordered under this subsection must be nonconcurrent with any
27 judgment of conviction involving a term of imprisonment.

28 **§1752. Supervision fee as condition of probation**

29 If a court imposes a sentencing alternative authorized under section 1502 that
30 includes a period of probation, it must attach as a condition of probation that the
31 convicted individual pay, through the Department of Corrections, a supervision fee
32 imposed pursuant to section 1807, subsection 5 for the term of probation.

33 **§1753. Electronic monitoring fee and substance testing fee as conditions of**
34 **probation**

35 If a court imposes a sentencing alternative authorized under section 1502 that
36 includes a period of probation, upon the request of the Department of Corrections, the
37 court shall attach as a condition of probation an electronic monitoring fee, a substance
38 testing fee or both, as governed by section 1807, subsection 6.

1 **§1758. Authority to impose fees, surcharges and assessments**

2 Nothing in this chapter limits the authority of the Supreme Judicial Court to impose
3 fees, surcharges or assessments by administrative order or rule.

4 **CHAPTER 67**

5 **CONDITIONAL RELEASE**

6 **SUBCHAPTER 1**

7 **PROBATION**

8 **§1801. Definitions**

9 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following
10 terms have the following meanings.

11 **1. Dating partner.** "Dating partner" has the same meaning as in Title 19-A, section
12 4002, subsection 3-A.

13 **2. Family or household member.** "Family or household member" has the same
14 meaning as in Title 19-A, section 4002, subsection 4.

15 **§1802. Eligibility for sentencing alternative that includes period of probation**

16 **1. General eligibility.** A person who has been convicted of a crime may be
17 sentenced to a sentencing alternative under section 1502 that includes a period of
18 probation, unless:

19 A. The conviction is for murder;

20 B. The conviction is for a Class D or Class E crime other than:

21 (1) A Class D or Class E crime relative to which, based upon both the written
22 agreement of the parties and a court finding, the facts and circumstances of the
23 underlying criminal episode giving rise to the conviction generated probable
24 cause to believe the person had committed a Class A, Class B or Class C crime in
25 the course of that criminal episode and, as agreed upon in writing by the parties
26 and found by the court, the person does not have a prior conviction for murder or
27 for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime and has not been placed on probation
28 pursuant to this subparagraph on any prior occasion;

29 (2) A Class D crime that the State pleads and proves was committed against a
30 family or household member or a dating partner under chapter 9 or 13 or section
31 554, 555 or 758;

32 (3) A Class D crime under Title 5, section 4659, subsection 1; Title 15, section
33 321, subsection 6; or Title 19-A, section 4011, subsection 1;

34 (4) A Class D or Class E crime in chapter 11 or 12;

35 (5) A Class D crime under section 210-A;

- 1 (6) A Class E crime under section 552;
- 2 (7) A Class D or Class E crime under section 556, section 853, section 854,
- 3 excluding subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraph (1), or section 855;
- 4 (8) A Class D crime in chapter 45 relating to a schedule W drug;
- 5 (9) A Class D or Class E crime under Title 29-A, section 2411, subsection 1-A,
- 6 paragraph B;
- 7 (10) A Class D crime under Title 17, section 1031; or
- 8 (11) A Class E crime under Title 15, section 1092, subsection 1, paragraph A, if
- 9 the condition of release violated is specified in Title 15, section 1026, subsection
- 10 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (5) or (8) and the underlying crime involved
- 11 domestic violence;

12 C. The court sentences the person to a sentencing alternative under section 1502 that
13 includes a period of administrative release;

14 D. The court sentences the individual to a term of imprisonment followed by a
15 period of supervised release as authorized by subchapter 3;

16 E. The statute that the person is convicted of violating expressly provides that the
17 fine or imprisonment penalties it authorizes may not be suspended, in which case the
18 person must be sentenced to the imprisonment and required to pay the fine authorized
19 in that statute; or

20 F. The court finds that such a sentence would diminish the gravity of the crime for
21 which that person was convicted.

22 **2. Eligibility for persons needing supervision or assistance.** A person who is
23 eligible for sentence under this subchapter, as provided in subsection 1, may be sentenced
24 to a sentencing alternative that includes a period of probation if the person is in need of
25 the supervision, guidance, assistance or direction that probation can provide.

26 **§1803. Definite period of probation required**

27 In imposing a sentencing alternative under section 1502 that includes a period of
28 probation, the court shall set a definite period of probation.

29 **§1804. Period of probation; modification; termination and discharge**

30 **1. Limit on length of probation.** Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6,
31 the period of probation for a person may not exceed:

- 32 A. For a Class A crime, 4 years;
- 33 B. For a Class B crime, 3 years;
- 34 C. For a Class C crime, 2 years; and
- 35 D. For a Class D or Class E crime, one year.

36 **2. Exception to limits when victim is less than 12 years of age.** If the State pleads
37 and proves that at the time of the crime the victim had not attained 12 years of age or, in

1 the case of a crime under sections 283 and 284, the victim had not attained 12 years of
2 age at the time the sexually explicit conduct occurred, the period of probation for a person
3 convicted under chapter 11 or 12 may not exceed:

4 A. For a Class A crime, 18 years;

5 B. For a Class B crime, 12 years; and

6 C. For a Class C crime, 6 years.

7 **3. Exception to limits when victim is family or household member.** If the State
8 pleads and proves that the person was convicted of committing against a family or
9 household member a crime under chapter 9 or 13 or section 554 or if the person was
10 convicted under chapter 11 or 12 or section 556, the period of probation may not exceed:

11 A. For a Class A crime, 6 years; and

12 B. For a Class B or Class C crime, 4 years.

13 **4. Exception to limits when person sentenced as repeat sexual assault offender.**
14 The period of probation for a person sentenced as a repeat sexual assault offender
15 pursuant to section 253-A, subsection 1 is any term of years.

16 **5. Exception to limits when person sentenced for nonsupport of dependents.**
17 The period of probation for a person sentenced for the crime of nonsupport of dependents
18 under section 552 is as provided under section 552, subsection 4.

19 **6. Exception to limits when person ordered to complete batterers' intervention**
20 **program and pay restitution.** If the State pleads and proves that the enumerated Class
21 D or Class E crime was committed by the person against a family or household member
22 and the court orders the person to complete a certified batterers' intervention program as
23 defined in Title 19-A, section 4014, the person may be placed on probation for a period
24 not to exceed 2 years, except that, on motion by the person's probation officer, the person
25 or the court, the term of probation must be terminated by the court when the court
26 determines that the person has:

27 A. Served at least one year of probation;

28 B. Completed the certified batterers' intervention program;

29 C. Paid in full any victim restitution ordered; and

30 D. From the time the period of probation commenced until the motion for
31 termination is heard, met all other conditions of probation.

32 As used in this subsection, "enumerated Class D or Class E crime" means any Class D
33 crime in chapter 9, any Class D or Class E crime in chapter 11, the Class D crimes
34 described in sections 302 and 506-B and the Class D crimes described in sections 554,
35 555 and 758.

36 **7. Modification of probation requirements authorized.** During the period of
37 probation specified in the sentence made pursuant to this section, and upon application of
38 the person on probation or the person's probation officer, or upon the court's own motion,
39 the court may, after a hearing upon notice to the probation officer and the person on

1 probation, modify the requirements imposed by the court or a community reparations
2 board, add further requirements authorized by section 1807 or relieve the person on
3 probation of any requirement imposed by the court or a community reparations board
4 that, in the court's opinion, imposes on the person an unreasonable burden. If the person
5 on probation cannot meet a requirement imposed by the court or a community reparations
6 board, the person shall bring a motion under this subsection.

7 **8. Ex parte motion for modification by probation officer in advance of hearing.**
8 Notwithstanding subsection 7, the court may grant, ex parte, a motion brought by the
9 probation officer of the person on probation to add further requirements if the court
10 determines that all reasonable efforts have been made to give written or oral notice to the
11 person on probation and the requirements are immediately necessary to protect the safety
12 of an individual or the public. Any requirements added pursuant to an ex parte motion do
13 not take effect until written notice of the requirements, along with written notice of the
14 scheduled date, time and place when the court will hold a hearing on the added
15 requirements, is given to the person on probation.

16 **9. Conversion of probation to administrative release.** Once the period of
17 probation has commenced, on motion of the person on probation or the person's probation
18 officer, or on the court's own motion, the court may at any time convert a period of
19 probation for a Class D or Class E crime or a Class C crime under Title 29-A, section
20 2557-A to a period of administrative release. A conversion to administrative release may
21 not be ordered unless notice of the motion is given to the probation officer and the
22 attorney for the State. The provisions of subchapter 2 apply when probation is converted
23 to administrative release. Conversion to administrative release in accordance with this
24 subsection relieves the person on probation of any obligations imposed by the probation
25 conditions.

26 **10. Early termination of probation and discharge authorized.** Once the period of
27 probation has commenced, on motion of the person on probation or the person's probation
28 officer, or on the court's own motion, the court may at any time terminate a period of
29 probation and discharge the person at any time earlier than that provided in the sentence
30 made pursuant to this section, if warranted by the conduct of the person. A termination
31 and discharge may not be ordered unless notice of the motion is given to the probation
32 officer and the attorney for the State. Termination and discharge in accordance with this
33 subsection relieves the person on probation of any obligations imposed by the sentence of
34 probation.

35 **11. Justice or judge authorized to hear motions regarding probation.** A motion
36 and hearing pursuant to subsection 7, 8, 9 or 10 need not be before the justice or judge
37 who originally imposed probation. Any justice or judge may initiate and hear a motion,
38 and any justice or judge may hear a motion brought by the person on probation or the
39 person's probation officer.

40 **12. Any court authorized to terminate probation to prevent delay of consecutive**
41 **term of imprisonment.** Any court, in order to comply with section 1608, subsection 7,
42 may terminate a period of probation that would delay commencement of a consecutive
43 unsuspended term of imprisonment.

1 **§1805. Partially suspended term of imprisonment with probation or "split**
2 **sentence"**

3 **1. Determination of date probation begins; revocation; place of imprisonment.**

4 Unless prohibited pursuant to section 1802, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F, the court
5 may impose a split sentence by sentencing an individual to a term of imprisonment not to
6 exceed the maximum term authorized for the crime, an initial portion of which is to be
7 served and the remainder of which is to be suspended, and accompany the suspension
8 with a period of probation not to exceed the maximum period authorized for the crime.
9 The period of probation commences on the date the individual is released from the
10 unsuspended portion of the term of imprisonment, unless the court orders it to commence
11 on an earlier date.

12 A. If the period of probation commences upon release of the individual from the
13 unsuspended portion of the term of imprisonment, the court may revoke probation for
14 any criminal conduct committed during that unsuspended portion of the term of
15 imprisonment.

16 B. If execution of the sentence is stayed, the court may revoke probation for criminal
17 conduct committed during the period of stay or for failure to report as ordered.

18 C. The court may revoke probation if, during any unsuspended portion of the term of
19 imprisonment, an individual sentenced as a repeat sexual assault offender, pursuant to
20 section 1804, subsection 4, refuses to actively participate in a sex offender treatment
21 program in accordance with the expectations and judgment of the treatment
22 providers, when requested to do so by the Department of Corrections.

23 D. As to both the suspended and unsuspended portions of the sentence, the place of
24 imprisonment must be as follows.

25 (1) For a Class D or Class E crime, the court must specify a county jail as the
26 place of imprisonment.

27 (2) For a Class A, Class B or Class C crime, the court must:

28 (a) Specify a county jail as the place of imprisonment for any portion of the
29 sentence that is 9 months or less; and

30 (b) Commit the individual to the Department of Corrections for any portion
31 of the sentence that is more than 9 months.

32 **2. Applicability to prosecution of crime committed prior to September 23, 1983.**

33 In any prosecution for a crime committed prior to September 23, 1983, the court may,
34 with the consent of the defendant, impose a sentence under subsection 1.

35 **§1806. Wholly suspended term of imprisonment with probation**

36 Unless prohibited pursuant to section 1802, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F, the court
37 may sentence an individual to a term of imprisonment not to exceed the maximum term
38 authorized for the crime, suspend the entire term of imprisonment and accompany the
39 suspension with a period of probation not to exceed the maximum period authorized for
40 the crime, to commence on the date the individual goes into actual execution of the
41 sentence.

1 **§1807. Conditions of probation**

2 **1. Purpose of conditions.** If the court imposes a sentencing alternative under
3 section 1502 that includes a period of probation, it shall attach conditions of probation, as
4 authorized by this section, as it considers to be reasonable and appropriate to assist the
5 person to lead a law-abiding life, including, without exception, a condition of probation
6 that the person refrain from criminal conduct.

7 **2. Specific conditions of probation authorized.** As a condition of probation, the
8 court in its sentence may require the person to:

9 A. Support the person's dependents and to meet the person's family responsibilities;

10 B. Make restitution pursuant to chapter 69 to each victim of the person's crime, or to
11 the county where the offense is prosecuted if the identity of the victim cannot be
12 ascertained or if the victim voluntarily refuses the restitution. If the court orders as a
13 condition of probation that the person forfeit and pay a specific amount of restitution,
14 that order, as a matter of law, also constitutes the imposition of restitution pursuant to
15 chapter 69 as a sentencing alternative and an additional order regarding restitution is
16 unnecessary;

17 C. Pursue and maintain approved employment or an approved occupation;

18 D. Undergo, as an outpatient, available medical or psychiatric treatment, or to enter
19 and remain, as a voluntary patient, in a specified institution when required for that
20 purpose. Failure to comply with this condition is considered only as a violation of
21 probation and may not, in itself, authorize involuntary treatment or hospitalization.
22 The court may not order and the State may not pay for the person to attend a batterers'
23 intervention program unless the program is certified under Title 19-A, section 4014;

24 E. Pursue a prescribed secular course of study or vocational training;

25 F. Refrain from frequenting specified places or consorting with specified persons;

26 G. Refrain from possessing any firearm or other dangerous weapon;

27 H. Remain within the jurisdiction of the court, unless permission to leave
28 temporarily is granted in writing by the person's probation officer, and to notify the
29 probation officer of any change in the person's address or employment;

30 I. Refrain from drug abuse and use or excessive use of alcohol;

31 J. Report as directed to the court or the person's probation officer, to answer all
32 reasonable inquiries by the probation officer and to permit the probation officer to
33 visit at reasonable times at the person's home or elsewhere;

34 K. Pay any monetary penalty imposed by the court as part of the sentence;

35 L. Perform specified work for the benefit of the State, a county, a municipality, a
36 school administrative district, other public entity or a charitable institution;

37 M. Participate in an electronic monitoring program, if available; or

38 N. Satisfy any conditions reasonably related to the rehabilitation of the person or the
39 public safety or security.

1 **3. Opportunity to address court regarding probation conditions; written**
2 **statement required.** The person must be given an opportunity to address the court on
3 the conditions that are proposed to be attached and, after sentence, must be given a
4 written statement setting forth the particular conditions on which the person is released on
5 probation.

6 **4. Condition of probation that includes psychiatric treatment or mental health**
7 **counseling; notice by court to Department of Health and Human Services.** Before
8 imposing any condition of psychiatric outpatient or inpatient treatment or mental health
9 counseling, the court may request that a report be submitted by an agent of the
10 Department of Health and Human Services who has been designated pursuant to Title
11 34-B, section 1220 for the purpose of assessing the appropriateness of psychiatric
12 treatment or mental health counseling for the individual and the availability of this
13 treatment or counseling. Whether or not a report is requested, the court shall notify the
14 designated agent of the Department of Health and Human Services when any conditions
15 of probation are imposed that include psychiatric outpatient or inpatient treatment or
16 mental health counseling. This notification must include the name and last known
17 address of the individual placed on probation, the name and address of the attorney of
18 record for that individual and the conditions of probation.

19 **5. Supervision fee; determination of amount by court; failure to pay.** The court
20 shall attach as a condition of probation that the person pay, through the Department of
21 Corrections, a supervision fee of between \$10 and \$50 per month, as determined by the
22 court, for the term of probation. If the court does not set a supervision fee, the
23 supervision fee is \$10 per month. Notwithstanding the attachment of supervision fee
24 conditions on more than one sentence, a person on probation on concurrent sentences is
25 required to pay only one supervision fee. In determining whether to set an amount higher
26 than \$10 per month, the court shall take into account the financial resources of the person
27 and the nature of the burden its payment imposes. A person may not be sentenced to
28 imprisonment without probation solely for the reason the person is not able to pay the fee.
29 When a person on probation fails to pay the supervision fee, the court may revoke
30 probation as specified in section 1812, unless the person shows that failure to pay was not
31 attributable to a willful refusal to pay or to a failure on that person's part to make a good
32 faith effort to obtain the funds required for the payment. The court, if it determines that
33 revocation of probation is not warranted, shall issue a judgment for the total amount of
34 the fee and shall issue an order attaching a specified portion of money received by or
35 owed to the person on probation until the total amount of the fee has been paid. If the
36 person makes this showing, the court may allow additional time for payment within the
37 remaining period of probation or reduce the size of the fee to no less than \$10 per month,
38 but may not revoke the requirement to pay the fee unless the remaining period of
39 probation is 30 days or less.

40 **6. Electronic monitoring and substance testing fees; determination of amount**
41 **by court; failure to pay; use of fees.** Upon the request of the Department of
42 Corrections, the court shall attach as a condition of probation that the person pay, through
43 the department, an electronic monitoring fee, a substance testing fee or both, as
44 determined by the court, for the term of probation. In determining the amount of the fees,
45 the court shall take into account the financial resources of the person and the nature of the

1 burden the payment imposes. A person may not be sentenced to imprisonment without
2 probation solely for the reason the person is not able to pay the fees. When a person on
3 probation fails to pay the fees, the court may revoke probation as specified in section
4 1812, unless the person shows that failure to pay was not attributable to a willful refusal
5 to pay or to a failure on that person's part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds
6 required for the payment. The court, if it determines that revocation of probation is not
7 warranted, shall issue a judgment for the total amount of the fees and shall issue an order
8 attaching a specified portion of money received by or owed to the person on probation
9 until the total amount of the fees has been paid. If the person makes this showing, the
10 court may allow additional time for payment within the remaining period of probation or
11 reduce the size of the fees, but may not revoke the requirement to pay the fees unless the
12 remaining period of probation is 30 days or less. Fees received from a person on
13 probation must be deposited into the department's adult community corrections account,
14 unless the department has required the person to pay fees directly to a provider of
15 electronic monitoring, substance testing or other services. Funds from the adult
16 community corrections account do not lapse and must be used to defray costs associated
17 with the purchase and operation of electronic monitoring and substance testing programs.

18 **7. Condition of probation that includes staying within jurisdiction of court;**
19 **application fee; use of fees.** Whenever the court requires as a condition of probation that
20 the person remain within the jurisdiction of the court, unless permission to leave
21 temporarily is granted in writing by the person's probation officer, the Department of
22 Corrections may impose on a person applying for such permission an application fee of
23 \$25. The department may impose on a person an additional fee of \$25 per month if
24 permission is sought and granted to leave the jurisdiction of the court on a periodic basis.
25 Permission to leave may not be denied or withdrawn solely because the person is not able
26 to pay the application fee or the additional fee. When a person fails to pay a fee imposed
27 under this subsection, the department may refuse to process the application or may
28 withdraw permission to leave if the failure to pay is attributable to the person's willful
29 refusal to pay or to a failure on the person's part to make a good faith effort to obtain the
30 funds required for the payment. Fees received from a person pursuant to this subsection
31 must be deposited into the department's adult community corrections account, which does
32 not lapse, and must be used to defray costs associated with processing the applications,
33 including, but not limited to, the cost of materials, equipment, training for probation
34 officers and administration, and for the department's share of the costs of extraditing
35 persons on probation who are fugitives from justice.

36 **§1808. Community reparations boards**

37 **1. Persons required to appear before board.** If the court imposes a sentencing
38 alternative that includes a period of probation, the court shall require as a condition of
39 probation that the person appear before a community reparations board, referred to in this
40 section as "the board," and abide by any requirement imposed by the board if:

41 A. The person has been sentenced to a suspended term of imprisonment with
42 probation or a split sentence of imprisonment with probation the initial portion of
43 which must be served in a county jail under section 1805;

1 B. The person has not been convicted of a crime under chapter 11 or a crime of
2 domestic violence;

3 C. The Department of Corrections recommends that appearance before the board be
4 required; and

5 D. The court finds no circumstance that makes appearance inappropriate.

6 **2. Duties of person required to appear before board.** A person required to appear
7 before a community reparations board shall:

8 A. Cooperate with the preparation of the intake report to be submitted to the board;

9 B. Appear before the board as directed by the person's probation officer; and

10 C. Cooperate with the board.

11 **3. Powers of board.** The powers of a community reparations board are limited to
12 requiring the person to:

13 A. Pay restitution in accordance with chapter 69;

14 B. Perform community service;

15 C. Complete a prescribed course of counseling or education;

16 D. Refrain from frequenting specified places or consorting with specified persons;

17 E. Comply with reparative sanctions other than restitution, including, but not limited
18 to, writing an apology to the victim and fulfilling crime-impact education measures;
19 and

20 F. Report to the board regarding compliance with the requirements of this
21 subsection.

22 **4. Time limit on requirement imposed by board.** A requirement imposed by a
23 community reparations board may not extend longer than 6 months, except the
24 requirement to pay restitution.

25 **5. Violation.** A person who fails to abide by the requirements of this section
26 commits a violation of probation.

27 **§1809. Commencement of probation revocation proceedings by arrest**

28 **1. Authority of probation officer.** If a probation officer has probable cause to
29 believe that a person on probation has violated a condition of that person's probation, that
30 officer may arrest the person or cause the person to be arrested for the alleged violation.
31 If the probation officer cannot, with due diligence, locate the person, the officer shall file
32 a written notice of this fact with the court that placed the person on probation. Upon the
33 filing of that written notice, the court shall issue a warrant for the arrest of that person.

34 **2. Probable cause hearing; timing; evidence.** A person arrested pursuant to
35 subsection 1, with or without a warrant, must be given a probable cause hearing as soon
36 as reasonably possible, but not later than on the 5th day after arrest, excluding Saturdays,
37 Sundays and holidays. A probable cause hearing is not given if, within the 5-day period,

1 the person is released from custody or is afforded an opportunity for a court hearing on
2 the alleged violation. A probable cause hearing is not required if the person is charged
3 with or convicted of a new offense and is incarcerated as a result of the pending charge or
4 conviction.

5 A. Whenever a person arrested pursuant to subsection 1 is entitled to a probable
6 cause hearing pursuant to this subsection, unless the person waives the right to the
7 hearing, that hearing must be held at the initial appearance and may be held in the
8 court located as near to the place where the violation is alleged to have taken place as
9 is reasonable under the circumstances. If it is alleged that the person violated
10 probation because of the commission of a new offense, the probable cause hearing is
11 limited to the issue of identification if probable cause on the new offense has already
12 been found by the District Court or by the Superior Court or the person has been
13 indicted, has waived indictment or has been convicted.

14 B. Evidence presented to establish probable cause may include affidavits and other
15 reliable hearsay evidence as permitted by the court.

16 C. If the court determines that there is not probable cause to believe that the person
17 has violated a condition of probation, the court shall order the person's release.

18 **3. Failure to hold probable cause hearing within required time period.** If a
19 probable cause hearing is not held as required by subsection 2 within the time period
20 specified in subsection 2, it is grounds for the person's release on personal recognizance
21 pending further proceedings.

22 **§1810. Commencement of probation revocation proceedings by summons**

23 **1. Authority of probation officer.** If a probation officer has probable cause to
24 believe that a person on probation has violated a condition of probation, that officer may
25 deliver to that person, or cause to be delivered to that person, a summons ordering that
26 person to appear for a court hearing on the alleged violation.

27 **2. Contents of summons; probation officer to file motion for revocation.** The
28 summons delivered pursuant to subsection 1 must include the signature of the probation
29 officer; a brief statement of the alleged violation; the time and place of the alleged
30 violation; and the time, place and date the person is to appear in court or a statement that
31 the court will notify the person of the time, place and date to appear. As soon as practical
32 after service of the summons, the probation officer shall file with the court a motion for
33 revocation of probation that sets forth the facts underlying the alleged violation.

34 **3. Initial appearance.** A person appearing on a motion to revoke probation
35 pursuant to a summons must be given an initial appearance as provided in section 1811,
36 subsection 4.

37 **4. Failure to appear.** If the person fails to appear in court after having been served
38 with a summons, the court may issue a warrant for the arrest of the person. After arrest,
39 the person must be given a probable cause hearing as provided in section 1809,
40 subsection 2 and an initial appearance as provided in section 1811, subsection 3.

1 justice. A motion for revocation of probation need not be heard by the justice or judge
2 who originally imposed probation, but may be heard by any justice or judge.

3 **2. Hearing procedure.** If a hearing is held, the person on probation must be given
4 the opportunity to confront and cross-examine witnesses against the person, to present
5 evidence on that person's own behalf and to be represented by counsel. If the person
6 cannot afford counsel, the court shall appoint counsel for the person. Assignment of
7 counsel, to the extent not covered in this subsection, and withdrawal of counsel must be
8 in accordance with the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure.

9 **3. Commission of new crime while on probation.** When the alleged violation
10 constitutes a crime for which the person on probation has not been convicted, the court
11 may revoke probation if it finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person
12 committed the crime. If the person is subsequently convicted of the crime, or any other
13 crime or crimes arising out of the same conduct, sentencing is subject to the requirements
14 of section 1608. If concurrent terms of imprisonment are imposed and the terms do not
15 commence on the same date, any time served as a result of the probation revocation must
16 be deducted from the time the person is required to serve as a result of the new
17 conviction.

18 **4. Failure to comply with requirement of probation.** If the alleged violation does
19 not constitute a crime and the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the
20 person on probation has inexcusably failed to comply with a requirement imposed as a
21 condition of probation, it may revoke probation.

22 **5. Conviction for new crime while on probation.** If a person on probation is
23 convicted of a new crime during the period of probation, the court may sentence that
24 person for the crime and revoke probation. If the person has been sentenced for the new
25 crime and probation revocation proceedings are subsequently commenced, the court that
26 conducts the revocation hearing may revoke probation. Sentencing for the multiple
27 offenses is subject to section 1608. If concurrent terms of imprisonment are imposed and
28 the terms do not commence on the same date, any time served as a result of the new
29 conviction must be deducted from the time the person is required to serve as a result of
30 the probation revocation.

31 **6. Authority of court finding violation of probation.** Upon a finding of a violation
32 of probation, the court may vacate all, part or none of the suspension of execution as to
33 imprisonment or fine specified when probation was granted, considering the nature of the
34 violation and the reasons for granting probation. The remaining portion of the sentence
35 for which suspension of execution is not vacated upon the revocation of probation
36 remains suspended and is subject to revocation at a later date. During the service of that
37 portion of the sentence imposed for which the suspension of execution was vacated upon
38 revocation, the running of the period of probation must be interrupted and resumes again
39 upon release. If the court finds a violation of probation but vacates none of the suspended
40 sentence, the running of the period of probation resumes upon entry of that final
41 disposition. The court may nevertheless revoke probation and vacate the suspension of
42 execution as to the remainder of the suspended sentence or a portion thereof for any
43 criminal conduct committed during the service of that portion of the sentence for which
44 the suspension of execution was vacated upon revocation.

1 **7. Tolling of period of probation; conditions of probation continue in effect.** The
2 running of the period of probation is tolled upon either the delivery of the summons, the
3 filing of the written notice with the court that the person cannot be located or the arrest of
4 the person. If the motion is dismissed or withdrawn, or if the court finds no violation of
5 probation, the running of the period of probation is deemed not to have been tolled. The
6 conditions of probation continue in effect during the tolling of the running of the period
7 of probation, and any violation of a condition subjects the person to a revocation of
8 probation pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter.

9 **8. Disposition agreement by parties in return for admission of probation**
10 **violation.** If the attorney for the State and the attorney for the person on probation or the
11 person on probation reach agreement that, in return for an admission of a violation of
12 probation, the attorney for the State will dismiss other charges or the attorney for the
13 State will not oppose the requested disposition requested by the person or the attorney for
14 the State will recommend a particular disposition or both sides will recommend a
15 particular disposition, and the court at the time of disposition intends to enter a
16 disposition less favorable to the person than that recommended, the court shall on the
17 record:

18 A. Inform the parties of this intention;

19 B. Advise the person personally in open court that the court is not bound by the
20 recommendation;

21 C. Advise the person that if the person does not withdraw the admission, the
22 disposition of the motion will be less favorable to the person than that recommended;
23 and

24 D. Give the person the opportunity to withdraw the admission.

25 The court shall, if possible, inform the person of the intended disposition.

26 **9. Deduction of time for detention pending revocation proceeding.** Whenever a
27 person is detained in any correctional facility or county jail pending a probation
28 revocation proceeding, and not in execution of any other sentence of confinement, that
29 period of detention must be deducted from the time the person is required to serve under
30 that portion of the sentence for which the suspension of execution was vacated as a result
31 of the probation revocation. A person who is simultaneously detained for conduct for
32 which the person receives a consecutive term of imprisonment is not entitled to receive a
33 day-for-day deduction from the consecutive term of imprisonment for the period of
34 simultaneous detention except for any period of detention that is longer than the prior
35 term of imprisonment.

36 **10. Respecification of place of imprisonment following vacation of suspension of**
37 **sentence.** Whenever a previously suspended sentence of imprisonment for a Class A,
38 Class B or Class C crime is vacated, in whole or in part, as the result of a probation
39 revocation, the court must respecify the place of imprisonment for both the portion
40 required to be served and any remaining suspended portion, if necessary, to carry out the
41 intent of section 1805, subsection 1.

1 **§1851. Eligibility for sentencing alternative that includes period of administrative**
2 **release; exceptions**

3 The court may sentence a person who has been convicted of a Class D or Class E
4 crime or a Class C crime under Title 29-A, former section 2557, section 2557-A or
5 section 2558 to a sentencing alternative under section 1502, subsection 2, paragraphs I, J
6 and K for an individual and section 1502, subsection 7, paragraph E for an organization,
7 unless:

8 **1. Sentencing alternative includes probation.** The court sentences the person to a
9 sentencing alternative under section 1502 that includes a period of probation; or

10 **2. Sentencing alternative diminishes gravity of crime.** The court finds that such a
11 sentence would diminish the gravity of the crime for which that person was convicted.

12 **§1852. Period of administrative release**

13 **1. Time limit.** A period of administrative release imposed pursuant to this
14 subchapter may not exceed one year.

15 **2. Modification of requirements.** During the period of administrative release and
16 upon application of a person placed on administrative release or of the attorney for the
17 State or upon the court's own motion, the court, after notice to the attorney for the State
18 and the person and a hearing, may modify the requirements imposed by the court, add
19 further requirements or release the person of any requirement imposed by the court that,
20 in the court's opinion, imposes on the person an unreasonable burden.

21 **3. Inability to meet requirement; duty on person to bring motion.** During the
22 period of administrative release, if the person cannot meet a requirement of
23 administrative release imposed by the court, the person shall bring a motion pursuant to
24 subsection 2.

25 **4. Termination by court.** On application of the attorney for the State or of the
26 person placed on administrative release or on the court's own motion, the court may
27 terminate a period of administrative release and discharge the person at any time earlier
28 than that provided in the sentence made pursuant to subsection 1 if warranted by the
29 conduct of the person. The court may not order a termination of the period of
30 administrative release and discharge upon the motion of the person placed on
31 administrative release unless notice of the motion is given to the attorney for the State by
32 the person placed on administrative release. The termination of the period of
33 administrative release and discharge relieves the person placed on administrative release
34 of any obligations imposed by the sentence of administrative release.

35 **5. Termination to prevent delay of consecutive term of imprisonment.** The
36 court, in order to comply with section 1608, subsection 7, may terminate a period of
37 administrative release that would delay commencement of a consecutive unsuspended
38 term of imprisonment.

1 **§1853. Suspended sentence with administrative release**

2 **1. Suspension of term of imprisonment accompanied by administrative release.**

3 The court may sentence a person to a term of imprisonment not to exceed the maximum
4 term authorized for a Class D or Class E crime or the Class C crime under Title 29-A,
5 former section 2557, section 2557-A or section 2558, suspend the term of imprisonment
6 in whole or in part and accompany the suspension with a period of administrative release.

7 **2. Suspension of fine accompanied by administrative release.**

8 The court may sentence a person to a fine, not to exceed the maximum fine authorized for a Class D or
9 Class E crime or the Class C crime under Title 29-A, former section 2557, section
10 2557-A or section 2558, suspend the fine in whole or in part and accompany the
11 suspension with a period of administrative release.

12 **§1854. Requirements of administrative release**

13 If the court imposes a suspended sentence with administrative release under section
14 1853, the court shall attach requirements of administrative release, as authorized by this
15 section, as the court determines to be reasonable and appropriate to help ensure
16 accountability and rehabilitation of the person.

17 **1. Mandatory requirements.**

18 The court-imposed requirements of administrative
19 release must include a requirement that the person refrain from criminal conduct and that
 the person pay all assessments, surcharges, other fees and costs required by law.

20 **2. Discretionary requirements.**

21 In addition to the requirements in subsection 1, the
 court in its sentence may require the person:

22 A. To pay to the appropriate county an administrative supervision fee of not more
23 than \$50 per month, as determined by the court, for the term of the administrative
24 release. In determining the amount of the fee, the court shall take into account the
25 financial resources of the person and the nature of the burden its payment imposes.
26 When a person fails to pay the administrative supervision fee, the court may revoke
27 administrative release as provided in sections 1855 and 1856 unless the person shows
28 that failure to pay was not attributable to a willful refusal to pay or to a failure on that
29 person's part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for the payment;

30 B. To pay a fine imposed by the court as part of the sentence;

31 C. To make restitution to each victim of the crime imposed by the court as part of the
32 sentence;

33 D. To perform community service work imposed by the court as part of the sentence;
34 or

35 E. To satisfy any requirement reasonably related to helping ensure the accountability
36 and rehabilitation of the person.

37 **3. Opportunity to address court regarding requirements; written statement of**

38 requirements to be provided. The person must be given an opportunity to address the
39 court on the requirements that are proposed to be attached pursuant to subsections 1 and 2

1 and must, after the sentencing, be given a written statement setting forth the specific
2 requirements on which the person is being administratively released.

3 **§1855. Commencement of administrative release revocation proceeding**

4 **1. Motion to revoke administrative release.** If during the period of administrative
5 release the attorney for the State has probable cause to believe that the person placed on
6 administrative release has violated a requirement of administrative release, the attorney
7 for the State may file a motion with the court seeking to revoke administrative release.
8 The motion must set forth the facts underlying the alleged violation.

9 **2. Summons.** A summons may be used to order a person who was placed on
10 administrative release to appear on a motion to revoke that person's administrative
11 release.

12 **3. Initial appearance.** A person placed on administrative release appearing on a
13 motion to revoke administrative release pursuant to a summons must be afforded an
14 initial appearance as provided in section 1811, subsection 4.

15 **4. Failure to appear following service of summons.** If a person placed on
16 administrative release fails to appear in court after having been served with a summons,
17 the court may issue a warrant for the arrest of the person. After arrest of the person, the
18 court shall afford the person an initial appearance as provided in section 1811, subsection
19 4; if the person is retained in custody, section 1811, subsection 3 also applies.

20 **5. Arrest of person for violation of requirement of administrative release; copy**
21 **of motion to be furnished; timing of initial appearance.** If during the period of
22 administrative release the attorney for the State has probable cause to believe that the
23 person placed on administrative release has violated a requirement of administrative
24 release, the attorney for the State may apply for a warrant for the arrest of the person or
25 request that a warrantless arrest be made of the person pursuant to section 15, subsection
26 1, paragraph A, subparagraph (15). The court shall provide the person with an initial
27 appearance on the revocation of administrative release within 5 days after arrest unless
28 the person is released before that. A copy of the motion must be furnished to the person
29 prior to or at the initial appearance. The initial appearance is governed by section 1811,
30 subsection 4. Bail is governed by section 1811, subsections 5 and 6.

31 **§1856. Court hearing on administrative release revocation**

32 The hearing on a motion to revoke administrative release is governed by section
33 1812.

34 **§1857. Review**

35 Review of a revocation of administrative release pursuant to section 1856 must be by
36 appeal, as provided under section 1813.

37 **SUBCHAPTER 3**

38 **SUPERVISED RELEASE FOR SEX OFFENDERS**

1 **§1881. Inclusion of period of supervised release after imprisonment**

2 **1. Mandatory imposition of supervised release.** If a person is convicted of gross
3 sexual assault with a person who has not yet attained 12 years of age, in violation of
4 section 253, subsection 1, paragraph C, the court, in addition to imposing as part of the
5 sentence a definite term of imprisonment in accordance with section 253-A, subsection 2,
6 shall impose as part of the sentence a period of supervised release of up to life to
7 immediately follow that imprisonment. The period of supervised release commences on
8 the date the person is released from confinement pursuant to section 2314 and must
9 include the best available monitoring technology for the full period of supervised release.

10 **2. Discretionary imposition of supervised release.** If a person is convicted of
11 gross sexual assault in violation of any provision of section 253 other than section 253,
12 subsection 1, paragraph C, the court, if it imposes as part of the sentence a definite term
13 of imprisonment that does not include a period of probation, also may impose as part of
14 the sentence a period of supervised release to immediately follow that imprisonment. The
15 period of supervised release commences on the date the person is released from
16 confinement pursuant to section 2314.

17 If a person has been convicted of violating any provision of section 253 other than section
18 253, subsection 1, paragraph C, the authorized period of supervised release is:

19 A. Any period of years for a person sentenced as a repeat sexual assault offender
20 pursuant to section 253-A, subsection 1; and

21 B. For a person not sentenced under section 253-A, subsection 1 or 2, a period not to
22 exceed 10 years for a Class A violation of section 253 and a period not to exceed 6
23 years for a Class B or Class C violation of section 253.

24 **3. Modification of requirements.** During the period of supervised release specified
25 in the sentence made pursuant to subsections 1 and 2, and upon application of a person on
26 supervised release or the person's probation officer, or upon the court's own motion, the
27 court, after notice to the probation officer and the person on supervised release and a
28 hearing, may modify the requirements imposed by the court, add further requirements
29 authorized by section 1882 or relieve the person on supervised release of any requirement
30 imposed by the court that, in its opinion, imposes on the person an unreasonable burden.

31 **4. Ex parte modification of requirements for immediate necessity.**
32 Notwithstanding subsection 3, the court may grant, ex parte, a motion brought by the
33 probation officer of the person on supervised release to add further requirements if the
34 court determines that all reasonable efforts have been made to give written or oral notice
35 to the person on supervised release and the requirements are immediately necessary to
36 protect the safety of an individual or the public. Any requirements added pursuant to an
37 ex parte motion do not take effect until written notice of the requirements, along with
38 written notice of the scheduled date, time and place when the court will hold a hearing on
39 the added requirements, is given to the person on supervised release.

40 **5. Termination by court.** On application of the person on supervised release or the
41 person's probation officer, or on the court's own motion, and if warranted by the conduct
42 of the person, the court may terminate a period of supervised release and discharge the

1 person at any time earlier than that provided in the sentence made pursuant to subsections
2 1 and 2. A termination and discharge may not be ordered unless notice of the motion is
3 given to the probation officer and the attorney for the State. A termination and discharge
4 relieves the person on supervised release of any obligations imposed by the sentence of
5 supervised release.

6 **6. Termination to prevent delay of consecutive term of imprisonment.** The
7 court, in order to comply with section 1608, subsection 7, may terminate a period of
8 supervised release that would delay commencement of a consecutive unsuspended term
9 of imprisonment.

10 **7. Revoked period of supervised release to be served in prison.** The court may
11 revoke a period of supervised release pursuant to section 1883 for any ground specified in
12 subsection 8. If the court revokes a period of supervised release, the court shall require
13 the person to serve time in prison under the custody of the Department of Corrections.
14 This time in prison may equal all or part of the period of supervised release, without
15 credit for time served on post-release supervision. The remaining portion of the period of
16 supervised release that is not required to be served in prison, if any, may not run during
17 the time in prison and must resume again after the person's release and is subject to
18 revocation at a later date.

19 **8. Grounds for revocation.** The court may revoke a period of supervised release
20 for:

21 A. A violation of supervised release;

22 B. Criminal conduct committed during the term of imprisonment; or

23 C. Refusal during the term of imprisonment to actively participate, when requested
24 to do so by the Department of Corrections, in a sex offender treatment program in
25 accordance with the expectations and judgment of the treatment providers.

26 **§1882. Conditions of supervised release**

27 If the court imposes a sentence that includes a period of supervised release, it shall set
28 conditions of supervised release. The conditions of release that apply to probation under
29 section 1807 apply to conditions of supervised release. The court may also set conditions
30 of supervised release that it determines to be reasonable and appropriate to manage the
31 person's behavior.

32 **§1883. Revocation procedures**

33 The procedures, rights and responsibilities that apply to probation revocation under
34 sections 1809 to 1812, including bail under section 1811, subsections 5 and 6 and
35 appellate review of revocation under section 1813, apply to revocation of supervised
36 release.

37 **SUBCHAPTER 4**

38 **DEFERRED DISPOSITION**

1 **§1901. Eligibility for deferred disposition**

2 A person who has pleaded guilty to a Class C, Class D or Class E crime and who
3 consents to a deferred disposition in writing is eligible for a deferred disposition.

4 **§1902. Deferred disposition**

5 **1. Authority of court to order deferment and impose requirements;**
6 **administrative supervision fee.** Following the acceptance of a plea of guilty for a crime
7 for which a person is eligible for a deferred disposition under section 1901, the court may
8 order sentencing deferred to a date certain or determinable and impose requirements upon
9 the person, to be in effect during the period of deferment, considered by the court to be
10 reasonable and appropriate to assist the person to lead a law-abiding life. The court-
11 imposed deferment requirements must include a requirement that the person refrain from
12 criminal conduct and may include a requirement that the person pay to the appropriate
13 county an administrative supervision fee of not more than \$50 per month, as determined
14 by the court, for the term of the deferment. In determining the amount of the fee, the
15 court shall take into account the financial resources of the person and the nature of the
16 burden its payment imposes. In exchange for the deferred sentencing, the person shall
17 abide by the court-imposed deferment requirements. Unless the court orders otherwise,
18 the requirements are immediately in effect.

19 **2. Modification of requirements.** During the period of deferment and upon
20 application of the person granted deferred disposition pursuant to subsection 1 or of the
21 attorney for the State or upon the court's own motion, the court may, after a hearing upon
22 notice to the attorney for the State and the person, modify the requirements imposed by
23 the court, add further requirements or relieve the person of any requirement imposed by
24 the court that, in the court's opinion, imposes an unreasonable burden on the person.

25 **3. Inability to meet requirement; duty on person to bring motion.** During the
26 period of deferment, if the person cannot meet a deferment requirement imposed by the
27 court, the person shall bring a motion pursuant to subsection 2.

28 **4. Determination of date of conviction; bail.** For purposes of a deferred
29 disposition, a person is deemed to have been convicted when the court imposes the
30 sentence. Notwithstanding Title 15, chapter 105-A, subchapter 3, prior to sentence
31 imposition, preconviction bail applies to the person.

32 **5. Preferred disposition in prosecution for possession of schedule W drug.** A
33 deferred disposition is a preferred disposition in a prosecution for possession of schedule
34 W drugs under section 1107-A, subsection 1, paragraphs B and B-1.

35 **§1903. Court hearing as to final disposition**

36 **1. Final disposition following period of deferment.** Unless a court hearing is
37 sooner held under subsection 3, and except as provided in subsection 2, at the conclusion
38 of the period of deferment, after notice, a person who was granted deferred disposition
39 pursuant to section 1902 shall return to court for a hearing on final disposition. If the
40 person demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that the person has complied

1 with the court-imposed deferment requirements, the court shall impose a sentencing
2 alternative authorized for the crime to which the person pled guilty and consented to in
3 writing at the time sentencing was deferred or as amended by agreement of the parties in
4 writing prior to sentencing, unless the attorney for the State, prior to sentence imposition,
5 moves the court to allow the person to withdraw the plea of guilty. Except over the
6 objection of the person, the court shall grant the State's motion. If the court grants the
7 State's motion, the attorney for the State shall dismiss the pending charging instrument
8 with prejudice. If the court finds that the person has inexcusably failed to comply with
9 the court-imposed deferment requirements, the court shall impose a sentencing alternative
10 authorized for the crime to which the person pled guilty.

11 **2. Consensual withdrawal of guilty plea by parties.** Notwithstanding subsection
12 1, if at the conclusion of the period of deferment and prior to sentence imposition the
13 attorney for the State in writing moves the court to allow the person to withdraw the plea
14 of guilty and the person in writing agrees to such withdrawal, the court may, without a
15 hearing on final disposition and in the absence of the person, grant the attorney for the
16 State's motion and allow the person to withdraw the plea. Following such court action,
17 the attorney for the State shall dismiss the pending charging instrument with prejudice.

18 **3. Violation of deferment requirement.** If during the period of deferment the
19 attorney for the State has probable cause to believe that a person who was granted
20 deferred disposition pursuant to section 1902 has violated a court-imposed deferment
21 requirement, the attorney for the State may move the court to terminate the remainder of
22 the period of deferment and impose sentence. Following notice and hearing, if the
23 attorney for the State proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the person has
24 inexcusably failed to comply with a court-imposed deferment requirement, the court may
25 continue the running of the period of deferment with the requirements unchanged, modify
26 the requirements, add further requirements or terminate the running of the period of
27 deferment and impose a sentencing alternative authorized for the crime to which the
28 person pled guilty. When a person fails to pay an administrative supervision fee imposed
29 under section 1902, subsection 1, the court may terminate the running of the period of
30 deferment and impose sentence unless the person shows that failure to pay was not
31 attributable to a willful refusal to pay or to a failure on that person's part to make a good
32 faith effort to obtain the funds required for the payment. If the court finds that the person
33 has not inexcusably failed to comply with a court-imposed deferment requirement, the
34 court may order that the running of the period of deferment continue or, after notice and
35 hearing, take any other action permitted under this subchapter.

36 **4. Place of hearing.** A hearing under this section or section 1902 must be held in
37 the court that ordered the deferred disposition. The hearing need not be conducted by the
38 justice or judge who originally ordered the deferred disposition.

39 **5. Rights of person at hearing.** The person at a hearing under this section or
40 section 1902 must be given the opportunity to confront and cross-examine witnesses
41 against the person, to present evidence on that person's own behalf and to be represented
42 by counsel. If the person who was granted deferred disposition pursuant to section 1902
43 cannot afford counsel, the court shall appoint counsel for the person. Assignment of

1 counsel and withdrawal of counsel must be in accordance with the Maine Rules of
2 Unified Criminal Procedure.

3 **6. Summons to appear at hearing; failure to appear.** A summons may be used to
4 order a person who was granted deferred disposition pursuant to section 1902 to appear
5 for a hearing under this section. If the person fails to appear after having been served
6 with a summons, the court may issue a warrant for the arrest of the person.

7 **7. Authority of attorney for State regarding violation of condition of deferment.**
8 If during the period of deferment the attorney for the State has probable cause to believe
9 that a person who was granted deferred disposition pursuant to section 1902 has violated
10 a court-imposed deferment requirement, the attorney for the State may apply for a
11 warrant for the arrest of the person or request that a warrantless arrest be made of the
12 person pursuant to section 15, subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraph (17).

13 **§1904. Limited review by appeal**

14 A person may not attack the legality of a deferred disposition, including a final
15 disposition, except that a person who has been determined by a court to have inexcusably
16 failed to comply with a court-imposed deferment requirement and thereafter has been
17 sentenced to an alternative authorized for the crime may appeal to the Law Court, but not
18 as of right. The time for taking the appeal and the manner and any conditions for the
19 taking of the appeal are as the Supreme Judicial Court provides by rule.

20 **CHAPTER 69**

21 **RESTITUTION**

22 **§2001. Purpose**

23 The Legislature finds and declares that the victims of crimes often suffer losses
24 through no fault of their own and for which there is no compensation. It also finds that
25 repayment, in whole or in part, by the offender to the victim of the offender's crime can
26 operate to rehabilitate the offender in certain instances. It is the purpose of this chapter to
27 encourage the compensation of victims by the person most responsible for the loss
28 incurred by the victim, the offender. Restitution by the offender can serve to reinforce the
29 offender's sense of responsibility for the offense, to provide the offender the opportunity
30 to pay the offender's debt to society and to the offender's victim in a constructive manner
31 and to ease the burden of the victim as a result of the criminal conduct.

32 The Legislature recognizes that a crime is an offense against society as a whole, not
33 only against the victim of the crime, and that restitution for victims is therefore ancillary
34 to the central objectives of the criminal law. It intends restitution to be applied only when
35 other purposes of sentencing can be appropriately served.

36 The Legislature does not intend the use of restitution to result in preferential
37 treatment for offenders with substantial financial resources.

1 **§2002. Definitions**

2 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words
3 have the following meanings.

4 **1. Collateral source.** "Collateral source" means a source of benefits or advantages
5 for economic loss resulting from a crime, which the victim has received, or which is
6 readily available to the victim from:

7 A. The Government of the United States or any agency thereof, a state or any of its
8 political subdivisions or an instrumentality of 2 or more states unless the law
9 providing for the benefits or advantages makes them excess or secondary to benefits
10 under this chapter;

11 B. Social security, Medicare and Medicaid;

12 C. Workers' compensation;

13 D. Wage continuation programs of any employer;

14 E. Proceeds of a contract of insurance payable to the victim for loss that the victim
15 sustained because of the criminal conduct; or

16 F. A contract providing prepaid hospital and other health care services or benefits for
17 disability.

18 **2. Dependent.** "Dependent" means an individual who is wholly or partially
19 dependent upon the victim for care or support and includes a child of the victim born after
20 the victim's death.

21 **3. Economic loss.** "Economic loss" includes economic detriment consisting of
22 environmental clean-up expense, property loss, allowable expense, work loss,
23 replacement services loss and, if injury causes death, dependent's economic loss and
24 dependent's replacement services loss. Noneconomic detriment is not loss. Economic
25 detriment is loss although caused by pain and suffering or physical impairment.
26 "Economic loss" includes expenses of an emergency response by any public agency and
27 critical investigation expenses.

28 A. "Allowable expense" means reasonable charges incurred for reasonably needed
29 products, services and accommodations, including those for medical care,
30 rehabilitation, rehabilitative occupational training, counseling services and other
31 remedial treatment and care, and nonmedical remedial care and treatment rendered in
32 accordance with a recognized religious method of healing. The term includes
33 reasonable and customary charges incurred for expenses in any way related to
34 funeral, cremation and burial. It does not include that portion of a charge for a room
35 in a hospital, clinic, convalescent or nursing home, or any other institution engaged in
36 providing nursing care and related services, in excess of a reasonable and customary
37 charge for semiprivate accommodations, unless other accommodations are medically
38 required.

39 B. "Critical investigation expense" means a necessary expense incurred by a
40 government or by a victim while investigating or prosecuting suspected criminal

1 conduct. "Critical investigation expense" is limited to the cost of an audit or other
2 financial analysis when that analysis is necessary to determine whether and to what
3 extent a victim has suffered financial harm from criminal conduct by an employee or
4 other person in a position of trust and the cost of analysis of suspected illegal drugs.

5 C. "Dependent's economic loss" means loss after a decedent's death of contributions
6 of things of economic value to the decedent's dependents, not including services they
7 would have received from the decedent if the decedent had not suffered the fatal
8 injury, less expenses of the dependents avoided by reason of decedent's death.

9 D. "Dependent's replacement loss" means loss reasonably incurred by dependents
10 after a decedent's death in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those
11 the decedent would have performed for their benefit if the decedent had not suffered
12 the fatal injury, less expenses of the dependents avoided by reason of the decedent's
13 death and not subtracted in calculating dependent's economic loss.

14 E. "Environmental clean-up expense" means any reasonable expense incurred for
15 products and services needed to clean up any harm or damage caused to the
16 environment, including any harm or damage caused by chemicals; to restore the
17 environment to its previous condition prior to any harm or damage; and to properly
18 dispose of chemicals and other materials, including those used in the manufacture of
19 scheduled drugs in violation of chapter 45.

20 F. "Expense of an emergency response" means reasonable costs incurred by a public
21 agency in reasonably making an appropriate emergency response to the incident,
22 including a response to a suspected unlawful methamphetamine laboratory under
23 section 1124, but only includes those costs directly arising because of the response to
24 the particular incident. Reasonable costs include the costs of providing police,
25 firefighting, rescue and emergency medical services at the scene of the incident, as
26 well as the compensation for the personnel, including trained laboratory personnel,
27 responding to the incident. "Public agency" means the State or any county,
28 municipality, district or public authority located, in whole or in part, within this State
29 that provides or may provide laboratory services or police, firefighting, ambulance or
30 other emergency services.

31 G. "Property loss" means the value of property taken from the victim, or of property
32 destroyed or otherwise broken or harmed. A property loss includes the value of taxes
33 or other obligations due to the government that have not been paid. "Property loss"
34 also includes, in cases involving a violation of chapter 45, the value of money or
35 other consideration given or offered in exchange for scheduled drugs by a law
36 enforcement officer or another at the direction of a law enforcement officer that are
37 not, in fact, recovered by the State at the time of sentencing, regardless of whether
38 other money or items of value are sought, acquired or forfeited pursuant to Title 15,
39 chapter 517. In cases involving a violation of chapter 45, the court must make a
40 finding that the property loss is specifically related to that case.

41 H. "Replacement services loss" means expenses reasonably incurred in obtaining
42 ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those the injured person would have
43 performed, not for income but for the benefit of the injured person or the injured
44 person's family, if the injured person had not been injured.

1 I. "Work loss" means loss of income from work the injured person would have
2 performed if the injured person had not been injured and expenses reasonably
3 incurred by the injured person in obtaining services in lieu of those the injured person
4 would have performed for income, reduced by any income for substitute work
5 actually performed by the injured person or by income the injured person would have
6 earned in available appropriate substitute work the injured person was capable of
7 performing but unreasonably failed to undertake. For a victim of a human trafficking
8 offense as defined in Title 5, section 4701, subsection 1, paragraph C, "work loss"
9 includes pay or benefits unfairly or illegally withheld from the victim by the offender
10 or any unfair labor agreement under Title 26, section 629, as defined by rules adopted
11 by the Department of Labor.

12 **4. Noneconomic detriment.** "Noneconomic detriment" means pain, suffering,
13 inconvenience, physical impairment and other nonpecuniary damage.

14 **5. Offender.** "Offender" means an individual or an organization convicted of a
15 crime.

16 **6. Restitution.** "Restitution" means:

17 A. Monetary reimbursement, in whole or in part, for economic loss;

18 B. Work or service provided to a victim for economic loss; or

19 C. Any combination of service or monetary reimbursement by an offender to the
20 victim of the offender's crime or to other authorized claimants, either directly or
21 indirectly.

22 **7. Victim.** "Victim" means a government that suffers economic loss or a person who
23 suffers personal injury, death or economic loss as a result of a crime or the good faith
24 effort of any person to prevent a crime.

25 **§2003. Mandatory consideration of restitution**

26 **1. Inquiry as to victim's financial loss.** The court shall, whenever practicable,
27 inquire of a prosecutor, law enforcement officer or victim with respect to the extent of the
28 victim's financial loss and shall order restitution when appropriate. The order for
29 restitution must designate the amount of restitution to be paid and the person or persons
30 to whom the restitution must be paid.

31 **2. Reasons for not imposing restitution.** In any case where the court determines
32 that restitution should not be imposed in accordance with the criteria set forth in section
33 2005, the court shall state in open court or in writing the reasons for not imposing
34 restitution.

35 **3. Restitution required.** In any prosecution for a crime committed prior to the
36 effective date of this chapter, or any amendment to this chapter, the court may, with the
37 consent of the defendant, require the defendant to make restitution in accordance with this
38 chapter as amended.

1 **§2004. Authorized claimants**

2 Restitution may be authorized for:

3 **1. Victim.** The victim or a dependent of a deceased victim;

4 **2. County.** The county where the offense was prosecuted if the victim voluntarily
5 refuses restitution or if the identity of the victim cannot be ascertained;

6 **3. Person providing recovery.** Any person, firm, organization, corporation or
7 government entity that has provided recovery to the victim as a collateral source, but only
8 to the extent that such recovery was actually made; and

9 **4. Person acting on behalf of victim.** Any person legally authorized to act on
10 behalf of the victim.

11 **§2005. Criteria for restitution**

12 **1. Restitution authorized.** Restitution may be authorized, in whole or in part, as
13 compensation for economic loss. In determining the amount of restitution authorized, the
14 following must be considered:

15 A. The contributory misconduct of the victim;

16 B. Failure to report the crime to a law enforcement officer within 72 hours after its
17 occurrence, without good cause for failure to report within that time; and

18 C. The present and future financial capacity of the offender to pay restitution.

19 **2. Restitution not authorized.** Restitution is not authorized:

20 A. To a victim without that victim's consent;

21 B. To a victim who is an accomplice of the offender;

22 C. To a victim who has otherwise been compensated from a collateral source, but
23 economic loss in excess of the collateral compensation may be authorized; and

24 D. When the amount and method of payment of monetary restitution or the
25 performance of service restitution creates an excessive financial hardship on the
26 offender or dependent of the offender. In making this determination, all relevant
27 factors must be considered, including, but not limited to, the following:

28 (1) The number of the offender's dependents;

29 (2) The minimum living expenses of the offender and the offender's dependents;

30 (3) The special needs of the offender and the offender's dependents, including
31 necessary travel expense to and from work;

32 (4) The offender's present income and potential future earning capacity; and

33 (5) The offender's resources, from whatever source.

34 **3. Exception.** The provisions of subsection 2, paragraph D do not apply to an
35 offender that is an organization.

1 **4. Burdens of proof.** An offender who asserts a present or future incapacity to pay
2 restitution has the burden of proving the incapacity by a preponderance of the evidence.
3 On appeal of a restitution order, the offender has the burden of demonstrating that the
4 incapacity was proven as a matter of law.

5 **§2006. Time and method of restitution**

6 When restitution is authorized, and the offender is not committed to the Department
7 of Corrections and does not receive a sentence that includes a period of probation, the
8 time and method of payment or of the performance of the services must be specified by
9 the court and monetary compensation may be ordered paid to the office of the prosecuting
10 attorney who is prosecuting the case or to the clerk of the court. If the offender is
11 committed to the Department of Corrections or receives a sentence that includes a period
12 of probation, monetary compensation must be paid to the Department of Corrections and
13 the time and method of payment must be determined by the Department of Corrections
14 during the term of commitment or the period of probation unless at the time of sentencing
15 the court has specified the time and method of payment. Once any term of commitment
16 to the Department of Corrections or period of probation is completed and if the restitution
17 ordered has not been paid in full, the offender is subject to the provisions of section 2011
18 and, in the event of a default, the provisions of section 2015. The state agency receiving
19 the restitution shall deposit any money received in the account maintained by the
20 Treasurer of State for deposit of state agency funds, from which funds are daily
21 transferred to an investment account and invested. Interest accrued on that money is the
22 property of and accrues to the State for deposit in the General Fund. The agency
23 receiving the restitution shall make the disbursement to the victim or other authorized
24 claimant as soon as possible after the agency receives the money.

25 **§2007. Income withholding order**

26 **1. Instructions for employer.** When restitution is required of an offender who will
27 not be commencing service of a period of institutional confinement, who does not receive
28 a sentence that includes a period of probation and who is employed, the court shall, at the
29 time of ordering restitution, enter a separate order for income withholding. When
30 restitution is required of an offender who receives a sentence that includes a period of
31 probation and who is employed, upon application of the offender's probation officer, the
32 court shall enter a separate order for income withholding. The withholding order must
33 direct the employer to deduct from all income due and payable to the offender an amount
34 determined pursuant to section 2006 to meet the offender's restitution obligation. The
35 withholding order must include an instruction to the employer that upon receipt of a copy
36 of the withholding order the employer shall:

37 A. Immediately begin to withhold the offender's income when the offender is usually
38 paid;

39 B. Send each amount withheld to the agency to which restitution has been ordered to
40 be paid at the address set forth in the order within 7 business days of the withholding;
41 and

42 C. Identify each amount sent to the agency by indicating the court's docket number.

1 **2. Term of order.** The income withholding order is effective as long as the order for
2 restitution upon which it is based is effective, including after a defendant is no longer in
3 the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Corrections and has not paid
4 the restitution in full as described in section 2011, or until further order of the court.

5 **§2008. Deceased victims**

6 An offender's obligation to pay restitution is not affected by the death of the victim to
7 whom the restitution is due. The money collected as restitution must be forwarded to the
8 estate of the victim.

9 **§2009. Victim unable to be located**

10 If the location of a victim cannot, with due diligence, be ascertained, the money
11 collected as restitution must be forwarded to the Treasurer of State to be handled as
12 unclaimed property.

13 **§2010. Joint and several order**

14 If the victim's financial loss has been caused by more than one offender, the order
15 must designate that the restitution is to be paid on a joint and several basis, unless the
16 court specifically determines that one defendant should not equally share the burden. The
17 agency collecting restitution pursuant to a joint and several order may, after the full
18 amount of restitution has been collected and disbursed to the victim, continue to collect
19 payments from an offender who has not paid an equal share of the restitution and may
20 disburse the money collected to any other offender who has paid more than an equal
21 share of the restitution.

22 **§2011. Former Department of Corrections' clients owing restitution**

23 An offender is responsible for paying any restitution outstanding at the time the term
24 of commitment to the Department of Corrections or period of probation is completed. An
25 offender who has complied with the time and method of payment of monetary
26 compensation determined by the Department of Corrections during the period of
27 probation shall continue to make payments to the Department of Corrections in
28 accordance with that payment schedule unless modified by the court pursuant to section
29 2014 or 2015. An offender who has not complied with the time and method of payment
30 of monetary compensation determined by the Department of Corrections during the
31 period of probation must be returned to the court for further disposition pursuant to
32 section 2015. An offender who is unconditionally released and discharged from
33 institutional confinement with the Department of Corrections upon the expiration of the
34 sentence must, upon application of the office of the attorney for the State, be returned to
35 the court for specification by the court of the time and method of payment of monetary
36 compensation, which may be ordered paid to the office of the attorney for the State who
37 prosecuted the case or to the clerk of the court. Prior to the offender's release and
38 discharge, the Department of Corrections shall provide the office of the attorney for the
39 State who prosecuted the case written notice as to the amount of restitution outstanding.
40 An income withholding order issued pursuant to section 2007 remains effective and

1 enforceable until the restitution is paid in full, even after an offender is no longer in the
2 custody or under the supervision of the Department of Corrections.

3 **§2012. Restitution deducted from judgment in civil action**

4 Any restitution ordered and paid must be deducted from the amount of any judgment
5 awarded in a civil action brought by the victim against the offender based on the same
6 facts. If the restitution ordered and made was work restitution, the reasonable value of the
7 services may be deducted from any such judgment.

8 **§2013. Post-conviction relief**

9 If, in any judicial proceeding following conviction, a court issues a final judgment
10 invalidating the conviction, the judgment may include an order that any or all of a
11 restitution payment that the convicted person paid pursuant to the sentence for that
12 conviction be returned to the convicted person.

13 **§2014. Modification of restitution**

14 A convicted person who cannot make restitution payments in the manner ordered by
15 the court or determined by the Department of Corrections pursuant to section 2006 shall
16 move the court for a modification of the time or method of payment or service to avoid a
17 default. The court may modify its prior order or the determination of the Department of
18 Corrections to reduce the amount of each installment or to allow additional time for
19 payment or service.

20 **§2015. Default**

21 **1. Return to court.** An offender who has been sentenced to make restitution and has
22 defaulted in payment or service thereof must be returned to court to explain the failure to
23 pay or perform the service.

24 **2. Reports.** A probation officer having knowledge of a default in restitution by an
25 offender shall report the default to the office of the attorney for the State. An attorney for
26 the State having knowledge of a default in restitution by an offender shall report the
27 default to the court. If the restitution was a condition of probation, the attorney for the
28 State may file a motion to enforce payment of restitution or, with the written consent of
29 the probation officer, a motion to revoke probation under section 1811. If the restitution
30 was not a condition of probation, the attorney for the State may file a motion to enforce
31 payment of restitution.

32 **3. Motion to enforce payment of restitution.** Either the attorney for the State or
33 the court may initiate a motion to enforce payment of restitution. Notification for the
34 hearing on the motion must be sent by regular mail to the offender's last known address.
35 If the offender does not appear for the hearing after proper notification has been sent, the
36 court may issue a bench warrant.

37 A. Unless the offender shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the default
38 was not attributable to an intentional or knowing refusal to obey the court's order or
39 to a failure on the offender's part to make a good-faith effort to obtain the funds

1 required to make payment, the court shall find that the default was unexcused and
2 may commit the offender to the custody of the sheriff until all or a specified part of
3 the restitution is paid. The length of confinement in a county jail for unexcused
4 default must be specified in the court's order and may not exceed one day for every
5 \$5 of unpaid restitution or 6 months, whichever is shorter. An offender committed for
6 nonpayment of restitution is given credit toward the payment of restitution for each
7 day of confinement that the offender is in custody, at the rate specified in the court's
8 order. The offender is also given credit for each day that the offender has been
9 detained as the result of an arrest warrant issued pursuant to this section. An offender
10 is responsible for paying any restitution remaining after receiving credit for
11 confinement and detention. A default on the remaining restitution is also governed
12 by this section.

13 B. If it appears that the default is excusable, the court may give the offender
14 additional time for payment or may reduce the amount of each installment.

15 C. The confinement ordered under this subsection must be nonconcurrent with any
16 judgment of conviction involving a term of imprisonment.

17 **4. Forfeiture of bail.** When an offender who has been sentenced to make restitution
18 and has defaulted in payment or service of the restitution is declared in forfeiture of bail
19 in the proceeding brought under this section pursuant to Title 15, section 1094, the
20 obligation and sureties of the defendant must be enforced pursuant to Title 15, section
21 1094 and the district attorney shall use the proceeds to satisfy the offender's restitution
22 obligation. Any proceeds from the forfeited bail remaining after the offender's restitution
23 obligation has been satisfied must be used in accordance with Title 15, section 224-A,
24 subsection 2.

25 **5. Collection.** Upon any default, execution may be levied and other measures
26 authorized for the collection of unpaid civil judgments may be taken to collect the unpaid
27 restitution. A levy of execution does not discharge an offender confined to a county jail
28 under subsection 3 for unexcused default until the full amount of the restitution has been
29 collected.

30 **6. Organizations.** When restitution is imposed on an organization, the person or
31 persons authorized to make disbursements from the assets of the organization shall pay
32 the restitution from the organization's assets. Failure to do so may subject the person or
33 persons to court action pursuant to this section.

34 **7. Payments.** Payments made pursuant to this section must be made to the same
35 agency to which the restitution was required to be paid under section 2006 or section
36 2011, except that if the offender is no longer in the custody or under the supervision of
37 the Department of Corrections the payments must be made to the office of the attorney
38 for the State who prosecuted the case or the clerk of the court, as ordered by the court.

39 **§2016. Work program release; restitution**

40 **1. Work program; payment of restitution and fines.** A prisoner who has been
41 ordered to pay restitution or fines may not be released pursuant to a work program
42 administered by the Department of Corrections under Title 34-A, section 3035, or a

1 sheriff under Title 30-A, section 1605, or participate in an industry program under Title
2 34-A, section 1403, subsection 9 or any other program administered by the Department of
3 Corrections or a sheriff by which a prisoner is able to generate money, unless the prisoner
4 consents to pay at least 25% of the prisoner's gross weekly wages or other money
5 generated to the victim or the court until such time as full restitution has been made or the
6 fine is paid in full. The chief administrative officer of the correctional facility where the
7 prisoner is incarcerated shall collect and disburse to the victim or victims that portion of
8 the prisoner's wages or other money generated agreed to as payment of restitution. The
9 chief administrative officer of the correctional facility where the prisoner is incarcerated
10 shall also collect and disburse to the court that portion of the prisoner's wages or other
11 money generated agreed to as payment of fines after the restitution is paid in full. If the
12 victim or victims ordered by the court to receive restitution cannot be located, the
13 correctional facility shall inform the court that ordered restitution. The court shall
14 determine the distribution of these funds.

15 **2. Payment of restitution or fines from other sources.** A prisoner, other than one
16 addressed by subsection 1, who receives money, from any source, shall pay 25% of that
17 money to any victim or the court if the court has ordered that restitution or a fine be paid.
18 The chief administrative officer of the correctional facility in which the prisoner is
19 incarcerated shall collect and disburse to the victim or victims that portion of the
20 prisoner's money ordered as restitution. The chief administrative officer of the
21 correctional facility where the prisoner is incarcerated shall also collect and disburse to
22 the court that portion of the prisoner's money ordered as fines after the restitution is paid
23 in full. If the victim or victims ordered by the court to receive restitution cannot be
24 located, the correctional facility shall inform the court that ordered restitution. The court
25 shall determine the distribution of these funds. Money received by the prisoner and
26 directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the Department of
27 Corrections for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone
28 system is not subject to this subsection, except that 25% of any money received by the
29 prisoner and transferred from the telephone call account to the department's general client
30 account at the time of the prisoner's discharge or transfer to supervised community
31 confinement must be collected and disbursed as provided in this subsection.

32 **3. Restitution; absolute.** The requirements imposed on a prisoner by this section to
33 pay restitution and fines during incarceration apply regardless of whether:

34 A. The court order to pay restitution or fines constitutes a sentence or is imposed as a
35 condition of probation;

36 B. Payment has been stayed in the court order;

37 C. The court has specified a time and method of payment pursuant to section 1708,
38 subsection 1 or section 2006; or

39 D. The person's incarceration resulted from a revocation of probation.

40 **§2017. Waiver of issue of excessiveness**

41 If a defendant at the time of sentencing has consented to the imposition by the
42 sentencing court of a specific amount of restitution, the defendant is thereafter precluded

1 from seeking to attack the legality or propriety of the amount of restitution ordered if that
2 amount does not exceed the specific amount consented to by the defendant.

3 **§2018. Restitution for benefit of victim**

4 When compensation is awarded from the Victims' Compensation Fund pursuant to
5 Title 5, chapter 316-A, the amount of any restitution ordered to be paid to or for the
6 benefit of the victim and collected as part of a sentence imposed must be paid by the
7 agency collecting the restitution in an amount not to exceed the amount of the payments
8 from the fund, directly to the fund if, when added to the payments from the fund, the
9 restitution exceeds the victim's actual loss.

10 **§2019. Civil remedy upon default**

11 Upon the request of the attorney for the State or a person entitled to restitution under
12 an order of restitution, the clerk shall enter the order of restitution in the same manner as
13 a judgment in a civil action. When entered under this section, the order of restitution is
14 deemed to be a money judgment. Upon default, the order to make restitution is
15 enforceable in accordance with Title 14, chapter 502 by any person entitled to restitution
16 under the order.

17 **CHAPTER 71**

18 **COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK**

19 **§2031. Sentencing alternative of community service work; authorization**

20 The court may sentence an individual convicted of a Class D or Class E crime to
21 perform a specified number of hours of community service work for the benefit of the
22 State, a county, a municipality, a school administrative unit or other public entity, a
23 charitable institution or another entity approved by the court.

24 **§2032. Modification of community service work**

25 An individual who has been sentenced to perform a specified number of hours of
26 community service work pursuant to section 2031 and who is in danger of default for
27 failing to complete the work in the manner ordered by the court shall move the court for a
28 modification to avoid the default. The court may modify its prior order as to the time for
29 completion, the nature of the work to be performed or the entity for which the work is to
30 be performed.

31 **§2033. Default**

32 **1. Return to court.** An individual who has been sentenced to perform community
33 service work pursuant to section 2031 and fails to complete the specified number of hours
34 of work in the manner ordered by the court must be returned to the court to explain the
35 failure.

36 **2. Report of failure.** If the entity for which the court orders an individual to
37 perform community service work pursuant to section 2031 knows that the individual has

1 failed to meet the requirements of the order, the entity may report the failure to the
2 attorney for the State or to the court. If the attorney for the State knows of the default, the
3 attorney for the State shall report the default to the court.

4 **3. Motion to enforce sentence or motion to seek coercive or punitive sanction.**

5 Either the attorney for the State or the court may initiate a motion to enforce completion
6 of community service work ordered by the court pursuant to section 2031 or may initiate
7 a motion seeking a coercive or punitive sanction for the default as specified in subsection
8 4, paragraphs C and D. The court shall send notification of the hearing on the motion by
9 regular mail to the individual's last known address. If the individual does not appear for
10 the hearing after proper notification has been sent, the court may issue a bench warrant.

11 **4. Hearing on motion.** At a hearing under subsection 3, unless the individual who
12 has been sentenced to perform community service work shows by a preponderance of the
13 evidence that the default was not attributable to an intentional or knowing refusal to obey
14 the court's order or to a failure on the individual's part to make a good faith effort to
15 comply with the order, the court shall find that the default was unexcused and may:

16 A. Reaffirm the requirement that the individual complete the community service
17 work as previously ordered;

18 B. Modify the original order as to:

19 (1) When the community service work is to be performed;

20 (2) The entity for whom the work is to be performed; or

21 (3) The nature of the work to be performed;

22 C. Impose a coercive sanction by committing the individual to the custody of a
23 sheriff until such time as the individual demonstrates to the court a willingness to
24 comply with the order. The commitment imposed pursuant to this paragraph may not
25 exceed 6 months; or

26 D. Impose a punitive sanction by committing the individual to the custody of a
27 sheriff. The commitment imposed pursuant to this paragraph may not exceed 6
28 months.

29 The provisions of Rule 66 of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure do not apply to a
30 hearing on a motion seeking a coercive or punitive sanction imposed pursuant to
31 paragraph C or D.

32 **5. Commitment order; tolling of undischarged term; no deductions.** If the court
33 orders an individual committed as a coercive sanction pursuant to subsection 4, paragraph
34 C:

35 A. The court may order that an undischarged term of imprisonment be tolled for the
36 duration of the coercive commitment if the individual is in execution of the
37 undischarged term of imprisonment on a sentence in this State; and

38 B. The individual may not receive a deduction for time detained as a result of an
39 arrest made under subsection 3 or a deduction based on conduct or participation in

1 programs established or approved by the administrator of the jail to which the
2 individual is committed during the coercive commitment.

3 **6. Commitment order; nonconcurrent with any term of imprisonment;**
4 **deduction only for time detained.** If the court orders an individual committed as a
5 punitive sanction pursuant to subsection 4, paragraph D:

6 A. The committal must not be concurrent with another term of imprisonment in this
7 State imposed pursuant to a judgment of conviction;

8 B. The individual must receive a day-for-day deduction for time detained as a result
9 of an arrest made under subsection 3; and

10 C. The individual may not receive a deduction based on conduct or participation in
11 programs established or approved by the administrator of the jail to which the
12 individual is committed during the commitment imposed as a punitive sanction.

13 **7. Right to counsel.** At a hearing under subsection 3 in which the State seeks a
14 coercive or punitive sanction for a default, the individual has the right to be represented
15 by counsel. If the individual cannot afford counsel, the court shall assign counsel for the
16 individual unless the court concludes that in the event of a finding of an unexcused
17 default the options in subsection 4, paragraphs C and D will not be employed by the
18 court.

19 **8. Excused default.** If at a hearing under subsection 3 the court finds the default to
20 be excused, the court may leave its prior order in place or modify the order as to the time
21 for completion, the nature of the work to be performed or the entity for which the work is
22 to be performed.

23 **9. Supervision of work.** The Department of Corrections is not responsible for
24 supervision of community service work imposed pursuant to section 2031.

25 **CHAPTER 73**

26 **UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE**

27 **§2051. Sentencing alternative of unconditional discharge**

28 The court shall sentence a convicted person to an unconditional discharge if the court
29 determines that no other authorized sentencing alternative is appropriate punishment and
30 the convicted person is:

31 **1. Eligible for probation.** Eligible for the imposition of a sentencing alternative that
32 includes a period of probation under section 1802, subsection 1; or

33 **2. Ineligible for probation due to excluded Class D or Class E crime.** Ineligible
34 for the imposition of a sentencing alternative that includes a period of probation under
35 section 1802, subsection 1 solely by operation of section 1802, subsection 1, paragraph B.

36 A sentence of unconditional discharge is for all purposes a final judgment of
37 conviction.

CHAPTER 75
VICTIMS' RIGHTS

§2101. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Crime. "Crime" means a criminal offense in which, as defined, there is a victim.

2. Victim. "Victim" means:

A. A person who is the victim of a crime; and

B. The immediate family of a victim of a crime if:

(1) The underlying crime is one of domestic violence or sexual assault or one in which the family suffered serious physical trauma or serious financial loss; or

(2) Due to death, age, physical or mental disease, disorder or defect, the victim is unable to participate as allowed under this chapter.

As used in this paragraph, "immediate family" means the spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, sibling, stepchild or stepparent of the victim.

§2102. Victims to be notified

1. Information provided to victim. When practicable, the attorney for the State shall make a good faith effort to inform each victim of the following:

A. The details of a plea agreement, including a deferred disposition, before it is submitted to the court;

B. The right to comment on a plea agreement, including a deferred disposition, pursuant to section 2103;

C. The proposed dismissal or filing of an indictment, information or complaint pursuant to the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure, Rule 48, before that action is taken;

D. The time and place of the trial;

E. The time and place of sentencing;

F. The right to participate at sentencing pursuant to section 2104; and

G. The right to comment on the proposed early termination of probation, early termination of administrative release or conversion of probation to administrative release, pursuant to section 2105.

2. Pamphlets. When providing notice under subsection 1, the attorney for the State shall offer to provide the victim with a pamphlet containing this chapter, Title 5, chapter 316-A and Title 15, sections 812 and 6101. In addition, the attorney for the State, as part of any victim and witness support program that attorney administers under Title 30-A, section 460, shall provide the victim with a pamphlet outlining in everyday language the

1 provisions set out in this chapter, Title 5, chapter 316-A and Title 15, sections 812 and
2 6101. The attorney for the State may use the pamphlet printed and distributed by the
3 Department of Corrections or another pamphlet that meets the criteria in this section.

4 **§2103. Plea agreement procedure**

5 When a plea agreement is submitted to the court pursuant to the Maine Rules of
6 Unified Criminal Procedure, Rule 11A (b), the attorney for the State shall disclose to the
7 court any and all attempts made to notify each victim of the plea agreement and any
8 objection to the plea agreement by a victim. A victim who is present in court at the
9 submission of the plea may address the court at that time.

10 **§2104. Sentencing procedure**

11 **1. Participation by victim.** The victim must be provided the opportunity to
12 participate at sentencing by:

13 A. Making an oral statement in open court; or

14 B. Submitting a written statement to the court either directly or through the attorney
15 for the State. A written statement must be made part of the record.

16 An attorney for the victim may submit a written statement or make an oral statement on
17 the victim's behalf.

18 **2. Consideration of victim's statements.** The court shall consider any statement
19 made under subsection 1, along with all other appropriate factors, in determining the
20 sentence.

21 **3. Participation by interested person.** An interested person, including, but not
22 limited to, a member of the victim's family who is not immediate family of the victim, a
23 close friend of the victim, a community member and other interested person, does not
24 have a right to participate at sentencing. Participation by such interested persons is a
25 matter for the court's discretion in determining what information to consider when
26 sentencing.

27 **§2105. Termination or conversion procedure**

28 When the attorney for the State receives notice of a motion seeking early termination
29 of probation or early termination of administrative release or seeking to convert probation
30 to administrative release, the attorney for the State shall disclose to the court any attempts
31 made to notify each victim of the motion to terminate or convert and any objection to the
32 motion by a victim. If a hearing is held on the motion by the court and the victim is
33 present in court, the victim may address the court at that time.

34 **§2106. Notification of defendant's release**

35 Upon complying with subsection 1, a victim of a crime of murder or of a Class A,
36 Class B or Class C crime or of a Class D crime under chapters 9, 11 and 12 for which the
37 defendant is committed to the Department of Corrections or to a county jail or is
38 committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services either

1 under Title 15, section 103 after having been found not criminally responsible by reason
2 of insanity or under Title 15, section 101-D after having been found incompetent to stand
3 trial must receive notification of the defendant's unconditional release and discharge from
4 institutional confinement upon the expiration of the sentence or upon release from
5 commitment under Title 15, section 101-D or upon discharge under Title 15, section
6 104-A and must receive notification of any conditional release of the defendant from
7 institutional confinement, including probation, supervised release for sex offenders,
8 parole, furlough, work release, supervised community confinement, home release
9 monitoring or similar program, administrative release or release under Title 15, section
10 104-A.

11 **1. Request for notification.** A victim who wishes to receive notification must file a
12 written request for that notification of the defendant's release under this section with the
13 office of the attorney for the State. The attorney for the State shall forward this request
14 form to the Department of Corrections or to the state mental health institute or to the
15 county jail to which that defendant is committed.

16 **2. Notification of victim.** The Department of Corrections or the state mental health
17 institute or the county jail to which the defendant is committed shall keep the victim's
18 written request for a notification under subsection 1 in the file of the defendant and shall
19 notify the victim by mail of any impending release as soon as the release date is set. This
20 notification must be mailed to the address provided in the request or any subsequent
21 address provided by the victim.

22 **3. Contents of notification.** The notification required by this section must contain:

23 A. The name of the defendant;

24 B. The nature of the release authorized, whether it is a conditional release, including
25 probation, supervised release for sex offenders, parole, furlough, work release,
26 supervised community confinement, home release monitoring or a similar program,
27 administrative release or release under Title 15, section 104-A, or an unconditional
28 release and discharge upon release from commitment under Title 15, section 101-D
29 or upon the expiration of a sentence or upon discharge under Title 15, section 104-A;

30 C. The anticipated date of the defendant's release from institutional confinement and
31 any date on which the defendant must return to institutional confinement, if
32 applicable;

33 D. The geographic area to which the defendant's release is limited, if any;

34 E. The address at which the defendant will reside; and

35 F. The address at which the defendant will work, if applicable.

36 **4. Termination of notification requirement.** The notification requirement under
37 this section ends when:

38 A. Notification has been provided of an unconditional release or discharge upon the
39 expiration of the sentence or upon release under Title 15, section 101-D or upon
40 discharge under Title 15, section 104-A; or

1 B. The victim has filed a written request for a notification under subsection 1 with
2 the Department of Corrections or the state mental health institute or the county jail to
3 which the defendant is committed asking that no further notification be given.

4 **5. Liability.** Neither the failure to perform the requirements of this chapter nor
5 compliance with this chapter subjects the attorney for the State, the Commissioner of
6 Corrections, the Department of Corrections, the Commissioner of Health and Human
7 Services, the state mental health institute or the county jail or the employees or officers of
8 the attorney for the State, the Commissioner of Corrections, the Department of
9 Corrections, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the state mental health
10 institute or the county jail to liability in a civil action.

11 **§2107. Notification of defendant's release on preconviction bail**

12 **1. Contact information for victim of certain crimes.** In the case of an alleged
13 crime involving domestic violence, sexual assault under chapter 11 or stalking, the
14 arresting law enforcement officer shall obtain the victim's contact information and
15 provide that information to the jail to which the defendant is delivered.

16 **2. Notification of victim of certain crimes by jail or law enforcement agency.** In
17 a case of an alleged crime involving domestic violence, sexual assault under chapter 11 or
18 stalking, the jail to which the defendant is delivered shall notify the victim of the
19 defendant's release on preconviction bail under Title 15, chapter 105-A as soon as
20 possible but no later than one hour after the defendant's release. If the defendant is
21 released on preconviction bail before being delivered to a jail, the arresting law
22 enforcement agency shall notify the victim as provided in this section.

23 **3. Method of notification.** Notification under subsection 2 must be made by a
24 telephone call either directly to the victim or as provided in subsection 5. In the event
25 that the jail has not succeeded in contacting the victim after the jail has exercised due
26 diligence in attempting to contact the victim, notification of the defendant's release must
27 be made to the law enforcement agency that investigated the report of domestic violence,
28 sexual assault under chapter 11 or stalking. That law enforcement agency shall make a
29 reasonable attempt to notify the victim of the defendant's release on preconviction bail.

30 **4. Request by victim to not be notified.** Notwithstanding subsection 2, a victim of
31 an alleged crime described in subsection 1 may request in writing that the jail or arresting
32 law enforcement agency not notify the victim of the defendant's release on preconviction
33 bail.

34 **5. Notification based on age of victim.** Notification under this section to an adult
35 victim must be made to the victim. Notification to a minor victim must be made to an
36 adult who is the victim's parent or legal guardian or, if a parent or legal guardian is not
37 available, to another immediate family member of the victim unless the jail or arresting
38 law enforcement agency reasonably believes that it is in the best interest of the minor
39 victim to be notified directly.

40 **6. Liability.** Neither the failure to perform the requirements of this section nor
41 compliance with this section subjects the State, the arresting law enforcement agency, the

1 jail to which the defendant was delivered, the Department of Corrections or officers or
2 employees of the law enforcement agency, jail or Department of Corrections to liability
3 in a civil action.

4 For purposes of this section, "crime involving domestic violence" has the same
5 meaning as in Title 15, section 1003, subsection 3-A and includes those crimes under
6 section 152, subsection 1, paragraph A, section 208 and section 208-B when the victim is
7 a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4002, subsection 4.

8 **§2108. Confidentiality of victim records**

9 **1. General rule of confidentiality.** Records that pertain to a victim's current address
10 or location or that contain information from which a victim's current address or location
11 could be determined must be kept confidential, subject to disclosure only as authorized in
12 this section.

13 **2. Disclosure to law enforcement or victims' service agency.** Records that pertain
14 to a victim's current address or location or that contain information from which a victim's
15 current address or location could be determined may be disclosed only to:

16 A. A state agency if necessary to carry out the statutory duties of that agency;

17 B. A criminal justice agency if necessary to carry out the administration of criminal
18 justice or the administration of juvenile justice;

19 C. A victims' service agency with a written agreement with a criminal justice agency
20 to provide services as a victim advocate; or

21 D. A person or agency upon request of the victim.

22 **3. Limited disclosure as part of bail condition or court order.** A bail
23 commissioner, judge, justice, court clerk, law enforcement officer or attorney for the
24 State may disclose a victim's current address or location to the defendant or accused
25 person, or the attorney or authorized agent of the defendant or accused person, as part of a
26 bail condition or court order restricting contact with the victim only when it is clear that
27 the defendant already knows the victim's current address or location or when the victim
28 requests that such bail condition or court order be issued and the victim requests that the
29 current address or location be specified.

30 **4. Limited disclosure pursuant to discovery.** An attorney for the State may
31 withhold the current address or location of a victim from the defendant, or the attorney or
32 authorized agent of the defendant, if the attorney for the State has a good faith belief that
33 such disclosure may compromise the safety of the victim.

34 **5. Disclosure of victim's request for notice prohibited.** In no case may a victim's
35 request for notification of the defendant's release under section 2106 be disclosed except
36 to those employees of the agency to which the defendant is committed and the office of
37 the attorney for the State with which the request was filed in order for those persons to
38 perform their official duties under this chapter.

1 **§2109. Certain communications by victims confidential**

2 The following communications are privileged from disclosure.

3 **1. To sexual assault counselor.** Communications by a victim, as described in Title
4 16, section 53-A, subsection 2, to a sexual assault counselor, as defined in Title 16,
5 section 53-A, subsection 1, paragraph B, are privileged from disclosure as provided in
6 Title 16, section 53-A, subsection 2.

7 **2. To advocate.** Communications by a victim, as defined in Title 16, section 53-B,
8 subsection 1, paragraph B, to an advocate, as defined in Title 16, section 53-B, subsection
9 1, paragraph A, are privileged from disclosure as provided in Title 16, section 53-B,
10 subsection 2, subject to exceptions in Title 16, section 53-B, subsection 3.

11 **3. To victim witness advocate or victim witness coordinator.** Communications by
12 a victim, as defined in Title 16, section 53-C, subsection 1, paragraph B, to a victim
13 witness advocate or a victim witness coordinator, as defined in Title 16, section 53-C,
14 subsection 1, paragraph C, are privileged from disclosure as provided in Title 16, section
15 53-C, subsection 2, subject to exceptions in Title 16, section 53-C, subsection 3.

16 **PART 7**

17 **ADMINISTRATION OF IMPOSED SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT**

18 **CHAPTER 81**

19 **ADMINISTRATION OF IMPOSED SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT**

20 **§2301. Definitions**

21 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms
22 have the following meanings.

23 **1. Family or household member.** "Family or household member" has the same
24 meaning as in Title 19-A, section 4002, subsection 4.

25 **2. Jail.** "Jail" means a county or regional jail.

26 **3. Sentence of imprisonment.** "Sentence of imprisonment" means:

27 A. A term of imprisonment, none of which is suspended;

28 B. An unsuspended portion of a split sentence of imprisonment either before or after
29 revocation of probation or administrative release;

30 C. An unsuspended portion of a wholly suspended term of imprisonment with
31 probation or with administrative release after revocation of that probation or
32 administrative release; or

33 D. Any court-ordered time in the custody of the Department of Corrections after
34 revocation of a period of supervised release.

1 **§2302. General provisions**

2 **1. Deduction for each day in execution of sentence of imprisonment.** An
3 individual committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections or a jail whose
4 sentence of imprisonment has commenced pursuant to section 2303 must receive a day-
5 for-day deduction from that individual's sentence of imprisonment for each day the
6 individual is in execution of that sentence. This day-for-day deduction may not be
7 withdrawn. Prior to the day-for-day deduction being given, the sentence must first be
8 reduced by any deduction for time detained to which the individual is entitled pursuant to
9 section 2305.

10 **2. Start of consecutive sentence.** A consecutive sentence may not begin until the
11 sentence involving imprisonment that the consecutive sentence immediately follows in
12 time has been fully served.

13 **3. Application of deduction for concurrent sentences.** While an individual is in
14 execution of concurrent sentences pursuant to subsection 1, a day-for-day deduction must
15 be accorded on all the sentences simultaneously.

16 **4. Application of deduction for consecutive sentences.** While an individual is in
17 execution of a consecutive sentence pursuant to subsection 1, a day-for-day deduction
18 may be accorded on only one sentence at a time.

19 **§2303. Commencement of sentence of imprisonment**

20 **1. Commitment to Department of Corrections.** The sentence of imprisonment of
21 an individual committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections to serve that
22 sentence commences on the date on which that individual is received into the correctional
23 facility designated as the initial place of confinement by the Commissioner of Corrections
24 pursuant to section 2304. That day is counted as the first full day of the sentence.

25 **2. Commitment to specified jail.** The sentence of imprisonment of an individual
26 committed to the custody of a jail to serve that sentence commences on the date on which
27 that individual is received into the jail specified in the sentence. That day is counted as
28 the first full day of the sentence if the term of imprisonment, or the unsuspended portion
29 of the term of imprisonment, is over 30 days; otherwise, a deduction is accorded only for
30 the portion of that day for which the individual is actually in execution of the sentence.

31 **3. Commitment with concurrent sentence of imprisonment from another**
32 **jurisdiction.** When an individual is sentenced to a concurrent sentence of imprisonment
33 as authorized by section 1608, subsection 6, the provisions of this chapter apply and must
34 be administered by the chief administrative officer of this State's correctional facility
35 when the individual is committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections or by
36 the jail administrator of a jail in this State when the individual is committed to the
37 custody of the jail. If the individual is released from imprisonment under the sentence of
38 the other jurisdiction prior to the termination of this State's sentence, the individual shall
39 serve the remainder of this State's sentence at the appropriate correctional facility or jail
40 in this State.

1 **§2304. Notification of commitment to Department of Corrections**

2 At the time of sentencing, the sheriff or the sheriff's designee shall notify the
3 Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee that an individual has been
4 committed to the Department of Corrections and shall inquire as to the correctional
5 facility to which the individual must be delivered by the sheriff or the sheriff's designee.
6 The commissioner or the commissioner's designee has complete discretion to determine
7 the initial place of confinement. In making this determination, the commissioner or the
8 commissioner's designee shall review all relevant information, including any available
9 mental health information. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall
10 immediately inform the sheriff or the sheriff's designee of the location of the correctional
11 facility to which the individual must be transported.

12 **§2305. Deductions from sentence of imprisonment for time detained**

13 **1. Deductions for detention permitted.** An individual sentenced to imprisonment
14 who has been detained for the conduct for which that sentence is imposed while awaiting
15 trial, during trial, post-trial while awaiting sentencing or post-sentencing prior to the date
16 on which the sentence commenced either to await transportation to the place of
17 imprisonment specified or pursuant to court order, and not in execution of any other
18 sentence of confinement, must receive a day-for-day deduction from the total term of
19 imprisonment required under that sentence if that individual is detained in:

20 A. This State in a correctional facility, mental health institute or jail or in any local
21 lockup; or

22 B. Another jurisdiction in a federal, state or county institution, local lockup or
23 similar facility, including any detention resulting from being a fugitive from justice,
24 as defined by Title 15, section 201, subsection 4, unless the individual has
25 simultaneously been detained for non-Maine conduct.

26 For the purpose of calculating the day-for-day deduction specified by this subsection,
27 "day" means 24 hours, except that for an individual who commits a crime on or after
28 October 15, 2011, who has been detained for the conduct for which the individual is
29 sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 96 hours or less, any portion of a day detained
30 short of 24 hours must also be deducted from the total term of imprisonment required
31 under that sentence.

32 **2. Deductions for detention not permitted.** An individual who, in addition to
33 being detained pursuant to subsection 1, has been simultaneously detained for conduct for
34 which the individual is sentenced to a consecutive sentence may not receive a day-for-day
35 deduction from the consecutive sentence for the period of simultaneous detention except
36 for any period of detention that is longer than the total term of imprisonment required
37 under the sentence to be served prior to the consecutive sentence.

38 **3. Timing of application of deductions.** The total term required under a sentence of
39 imprisonment is reduced by the total deduction under this section prior to applying any of
40 the other deductions specified in this chapter or in Title 30-A, section 1606.

1 **4. Additional deduction when warranted for crime committed on or after**
2 **August 1, 2004.** An individual may receive a deduction of up to 2 days per calendar
3 month in addition to the day-for-day deduction provided pursuant to subsection 1 if:

4 A. The individual commits a crime on or after August 1, 2004 and is sentenced to a
5 term of imprisonment for that crime; and

6 B. The individual is entitled to a day-for-day deduction pursuant to subsection 1 and
7 the individual's conduct during that period of detention is such that the additional
8 deduction is determined to be warranted in the discretion of the chief administrative
9 officer of the facility in which the individual has been detained.

10 Deductions under this subsection must be calculated as follows for partial calendar
11 months:

<u>Days of partial month</u>	<u>Maximum deduction available</u>
<u>1 to 15 days</u>	<u>up to 1</u>
<u>16 to 31 days</u>	<u>up to 2</u>

16 **5. Deduction for detention may not be withdrawn.** A deduction for detention to
17 which the individual is entitled may not be withdrawn.

18 **6. Transporter's duty to provide statement of time detained.** The sheriff or the
19 sheriff's designee shall furnish to the administrator of the facility to which the individual
20 is being delivered and the attorney for the State, within 30 days of delivery, a statement
21 showing the length of that detention. The administrator shall use the statement furnished
22 to determine the day-for-day deduction to which the individual is entitled pursuant to
23 subsections 1 and 4, if any, unless, within 15 days of its receipt, the attorney for the State
24 furnishes a revised statement to the administrator.

25 **§2306. Deductions for time detained; special circumstances**

26 **1. Time detained for failure to appear for a default hearing.** An individual
27 arrested and detained for failing to appear for a hearing to explain nonpayment of a fine, a
28 county jail reimbursement fee or restitution or to explain nonperformance of community
29 service work who subsequently is committed by the court conducting the default hearing
30 to the custody of a jail for an unexcused default must receive a day-for-day deduction
31 from the length of the confinement specified in the court's order for each day detained as
32 a result of the arrest pursuant to section 1711, subsection 4; section 1751, subsection 6;
33 section 2015, subsection 3; or section 2033, subsection 6.

34 **2. Arrest and detention pending probation or administrative release revocation**
35 **proceeding.** If an individual is detained in a correctional facility or jail pending a
36 probation or administrative release revocation proceeding and is not in execution of any
37 other sentence of confinement, that period of detention must be deducted from the time
38 the individual is required to serve under that portion of the sentence for which the
39 suspension of execution was vacated as a result of the probation or administrative release
40 revocation. An individual who is simultaneously detained for conduct for which the

1 individual receives a consecutive term of imprisonment is not entitled to receive a day-
2 for-day deduction from the consecutive term of imprisonment for the period of
3 simultaneous detention except for any period of detention that is longer than the term of
4 imprisonment to be served prior to the consecutive sentence.

5 **§2307. Discretionary deductions for individual who commits crime on or after**
6 **August 1, 2004, except for certain listed crimes**

7 **1. Application.** The provisions of this section apply only to an individual who, on or
8 after August 1, 2004, commits a crime and is sentenced to imprisonment for that crime,
9 except for the following:

10 A. Murder;

11 B. A crime listed under chapter 11;

12 C. A crime listed under section 556;

13 D. A crime listed under section 854, excluding subsection 1, paragraph A,
14 subparagraph (1);

15 E. A crime listed under chapter 12; or

16 F. A crime against a family or household member listed under chapter 9 or 13 or
17 section 506-B, 554, 555 or 758.

18 **2. Discretionary 4 days per month deduction based on conduct.** For an
19 individual who commits a crime and is subsequently in the custody of the Department of
20 Corrections or a jail in execution of a sentence of imprisonment for that crime, up to 4
21 days per calendar month may be deducted from that sentence, calculated from the date of
22 its commencement, if that individual's conduct during that calendar month is such that the
23 deduction is determined to be warranted in the discretion of the chief administrative
24 officer of the correctional facility or the jail administrator.

25 Deductions under this subsection must be calculated as follows for partial calendar
26 months:

<u>Days of partial month</u>	<u>Maximum deduction available</u>
<u>1 to 7 days</u>	<u>up to 1</u>
<u>8 to 15 days</u>	<u>up to 2</u>
<u>16 to 23 days</u>	<u>up to 3</u>
<u>24 to 31 days</u>	<u>up to 4</u>

32 **3. Discretionary 3 days per month deduction based on fulfillment of assigned**
33 **responsibilities for individual in custody of Department of Corrections or jail.** For
34 an individual who commits a crime and is subsequently in the custody of the Department
35 of Corrections or a jail in execution of a sentence of imprisonment for that crime, in
36 addition to the days of deduction provided for in subsection 2, up to 3 days per calendar
37 month may be deducted from that sentence, calculated from the date of its
38 commencement, if that individual's fulfillment of responsibilities assigned in the
39 individual's transition plan for work, education or rehabilitation programs during that

1 calendar month is such that the deduction is determined to be warranted in the discretion
2 of the chief administrative officer of the correctional facility or the jail administrator.

3 Deductions under this subsection must be calculated as follows for partial calendar
4 months:

<u>Days of partial month</u>	<u>Maximum deduction available</u>
<u>1 to 10 days</u>	<u>up to 1</u>
<u>11 to 20 days</u>	<u>up to 2</u>
<u>21 to 31 days</u>	<u>up to 3</u>

9 **4. Discretionary 2 days per month deduction based on fulfillment of assigned**
10 **responsibilities only for individual in custody of Department of Corrections.** For an
11 individual who commits a crime and is subsequently in the custody of the Department of
12 Corrections in execution of a sentence of imprisonment for that crime, in addition to the
13 days of deduction provided for in subsections 2 and 3, up to 2 days per calendar month
14 also may be deducted from that sentence, calculated from the date of its commencement,
15 if that individual's fulfillment of responsibilities assigned in the individual's transition
16 plan for community work, education or rehabilitation programs during that calendar
17 month is such that the deduction is determined to be warranted in the discretion of the
18 chief administrative officer of the correctional facility.

19 Deductions under this subsection must be calculated as follows for partial calendar
20 months:

<u>Days of partial month</u>	<u>Maximum deduction available</u>
<u>1 to 15 days</u>	<u>up to 1</u>
<u>16 to 31 days</u>	<u>up to 2</u>

24 **5. Withdrawal of discretionary deductions.** Any portion of the time deducted
25 from the sentence of an individual pursuant to subsection 2, 3 or 4 may be withdrawn by
26 the chief administrative officer of the correctional facility for a disciplinary offense or for
27 the violation of any law of the State in accordance with Title 34-A, section 3032 and the
28 rules adopted under that section or by the jail administrator in accordance with jail
29 disciplinary procedures. Deductions may be withdrawn for months already served or yet
30 to be served by the individual up to and including the maximum authorized for that
31 sentence.

32 **6. Restoration of discretionary deductions.** The chief administrative officer of the
33 correctional facility or the jail administrator may restore any portion of deductions that
34 have been withdrawn under subsection 5 if the individual's later conduct and fulfillment
35 of responsibilities assigned in the individual's transition plan for work, education or
36 rehabilitation programs are such that the restoration is determined to be warranted by the
37 chief administrative officer or the jail administrator.

38 **7. Calculation of deduction for work in excess of 8 hours.** The Commissioner of
39 Corrections or the sheriff may establish policy and guidelines for crediting hours of

1 participation in work in excess of 8 hours in a day toward another day for the purpose of
2 calculating deductions from a sentence under subsections 3 and 4.

3 **8. Calculation of deductions following imposition of new or revised sentence of**
4 **imprisonment for same offense.** When a judgment of conviction involving a term of
5 imprisonment is vacated or a sentence involving a term of imprisonment is revised or
6 reviewed and a new sentence involving a term of imprisonment is thereafter imposed
7 upon the individual for the same offense, the day-for-day deduction must be accorded on
8 the new sentence both for each day the individual served in execution of the initial
9 sentence pursuant to section 2302, subsection 1 and for all previously earned deductions
10 specified in this section and Title 30-A, section 1606. Prior to the day-for-day deduction
11 being given on the new sentence, the new sentence must be reduced by any deductions
12 specified in section 2305 previously or subsequently received. The deductions applied to
13 the new sentence must be calculated in accordance with this section.

14 **§2308. Discretionary deductions based on conduct and fulfillment of responsibilities**
15 **for individuals who commit certain crimes on or after August 1, 2004**

16 **1. Application.** The provisions of this section apply only to an individual who
17 commits on or after August 1, 2004 one or more of the following crimes and is sentenced
18 to imprisonment for that crime:

19 A. Murder;

20 B. A crime listed under chapter 11;

21 C. A crime listed under section 556;

22 D. A crime listed under section 854, excluding subsection 1, paragraph A,
23 subparagraph (1);

24 E. A crime listed under chapter 12; or

25 F. A crime against a family or household member listed under chapter 9 or 13 or
26 section 506-B, 554, 555 or 758.

27 **2. Commitment to Department of Corrections or specified jail; discretionary 5**
28 **days per month deduction.** For an individual who commits a crime and is in the
29 custody of the Department of Corrections or a jail in execution of a sentence of
30 imprisonment for that crime, up to 5 days per calendar month may be deducted from that
31 sentence, calculated from the date of its commencement, if that individual's conduct,
32 participation in programs and fulfillment of assigned responsibilities during that calendar
33 month are such that the deduction is determined to be warranted by the chief
34 administrative officer of the correctional facility or the jail administrator.

35 Deductions under this subsection must be calculated as follows for partial calendar
36 months:

<u>Days of partial month</u>	<u>Maximum deduction available</u>
<u>1 to 6 days</u>	<u>up to 1</u>
<u>7 to 12 days</u>	<u>up to 2</u>
<u>13 to 18 days</u>	<u>up to 3</u>

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3. Withdrawal of discretionary deductions. Any portion of the time deducted from the sentence of an individual pursuant to subsection 2 may be withdrawn by the chief administrative officer of the correctional facility for a disciplinary offense or for the violation of any law of the State in accordance with Title 34-A, section 3032 and the rules adopted under that section or by the jail administrator in accordance with jail disciplinary procedures. Deductions may be withdrawn for months already served or yet to be served by the individual up to and including the maximum authorized for that sentence.

4. Restoration of discretionary deductions. The chief administrative officer of the correctional facility or the jail administrator may restore any portion of deductions that have been withdrawn under subsection 3 if the individual's later conduct, participation in programs and fulfillment of assigned responsibilities are such that the restoration is determined to be warranted by the chief administrative officer or jail administrator.

5. Calculation of deduction for work in excess of 8 hours. The Commissioner of Corrections or the sheriff may establish policy and guidelines for crediting hours of participation in work in excess of 8 hours in a day toward another day for the purpose of calculating deductions from a sentence under subsection 2.

6. Calculation of deductions following imposition of new or revised sentence of imprisonment for same offense. When a judgment of conviction involving a term of imprisonment is vacated or a sentence involving a term of imprisonment is revised or reviewed and a new sentence involving a term of imprisonment is thereafter imposed upon the individual for the same offense, the day-for-day deduction must be accorded on the new sentence both for each day the individual served in execution of the initial sentence pursuant to section 2302, subsection 1 and for all previously earned deductions specified in this section and Title 30-A, section 1606. Prior to the day-for-day deduction being given on the new sentence, the new sentence must be reduced by any deductions specified in section 2305 previously or subsequently received. The deductions applied to the new sentence must be calculated in accordance with this section.

§2309. Discretionary deductions based on conduct and participation for individual who committed crime on or after October 1, 1995 but before August 1, 2004

1. Application. This section applies only to an individual who committed a crime on or after October 1, 1995 but before August 1, 2004 and was sentenced to imprisonment for that crime.

2. Commitment to Department of Corrections or jail; discretionary 5 days per month deduction. For an individual who committed a crime on or after October 1, 1995, but before August 1, 2004, and is in the custody of the Department of Corrections or a jail in execution of a sentence of imprisonment for that crime, up to 5 days per calendar month may be deducted from that sentence, calculated from the date of its

1 commencement, if that individual's conduct, participation in programs and fulfillment of
2 assigned responsibilities during that calendar month are such that the deduction is
3 determined to be warranted in the discretion of the chief administrative officer of the
4 correctional facility or the jail administrator.

5 Deductions under this subsection must be calculated as follows for partial calendar
6 months:

<u>Days of partial month</u>	<u>Maximum deduction available</u>
<u>1 to 6 days</u>	<u>up to 1</u>
<u>7 to 12 days</u>	<u>up to 2</u>
<u>13 to 18 days</u>	<u>up to 3</u>
<u>19 to 24 days</u>	<u>up to 4</u>
<u>25 to 31 days</u>	<u>up to 5</u>

13 **3. Withdrawal of discretionary deductions.** Any portion of the time deducted
14 from the sentence of an individual pursuant to subsection 2 may be withdrawn by the
15 chief administrative officer of the correctional facility for a disciplinary offense or for the
16 violation of any law of the State in accordance with Title 34-A, section 3032 and the rules
17 adopted under that section or by the jail administrator in accordance with jail disciplinary
18 procedures. Deductions may be withdrawn for months already served or yet to be served
19 by the individual up to and including the maximum authorized for that sentence.

20 **4. Restoration of discretionary deductions.** The chief administrative officer of the
21 correctional facility or the jail administrator may restore any portion of deductions that
22 have been withdrawn under subsection 3 if the individual's later conduct, participation in
23 programs and fulfillment of assigned responsibilities are such that the restoration is
24 determined to be warranted by the chief administrative officer or jail administrator.

25 **5. Calculation of deduction for work in excess of 8 hours.** The Commissioner of
26 Corrections or the sheriff may establish policy and guidelines for crediting hours of
27 participation in work in excess of 8 hours in a day toward another day for the purpose of
28 calculating deductions from a sentence under subsection 2.

29 **6. Calculation of deductions following imposition of new or revised sentence of**
30 **imprisonment for same offense.** When a judgment of conviction involving a term of
31 imprisonment is vacated or a sentence involving a term of imprisonment is revised or
32 reviewed and a new sentence involving a term of imprisonment is thereafter imposed
33 upon the individual for the same offense, the day-for-day deduction must be accorded on
34 the new sentence both for each day the individual served in execution of the initial
35 sentence pursuant to section 2302, subsection 1 and for all previously earned deductions
36 specified in subsection 2 and Title 30-A, section 1606. Prior to the day-for-day deduction
37 being given on the new sentence, the new sentence must be reduced by any deductions
38 specified in section 2305 previously or subsequently received. The deductions applied to
39 the new sentence must be calculated in accordance with this section.

1 **§2310. Deductions for individual who committed crime before October 1, 1995 and**
2 **was sentenced on or after October 1, 1983**

3 **1. Application.** This section applies only to an individual who committed a crime
4 on or after May 1, 1976 but before October 1, 1995 and who was sentenced on or after
5 October 1, 1983 to imprisonment for that crime.

6 **2. Deduction for individual sentenced to imprisonment for more than 6 months.**
7 Beginning October 1, 1983, an individual sentenced to imprisonment for more than 6
8 months must receive a deduction of 10 days per month for observing all rules of the
9 Department of Corrections and the correctional facility where that individual is confined
10 or the jail where that individual is confined. The period from which the deduction is
11 made must be calculated from the first day the individual is received into the custody of
12 the department or the jail and includes the full length of any imprisonment ordered to be
13 served. This deduction does not apply to any suspended portion of the individual's
14 sentence. For the purpose of calculating the deduction under this subsection, a month is
15 30 days and a year is 12 months.

16 Deductions under this subsection must be calculated as follows for partial months:

<u>Days of partial month</u>	<u>Maximum deduction available</u>
<u>0 to 2 days</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>3 to 5 days</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>6 to 8 days</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>9 to 11 days</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>12 to 14 days</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>15 to 17 days</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>18 to 20 days</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>21 to 23 days</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>24 to 26 days</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>27 to 29 days</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>30 days</u>	<u>10</u>

29 **3. Deduction for individual sentenced to imprisonment for 6 months or less.**
30 Beginning October 1, 1983, an individual sentenced to imprisonment for 6 months or less
31 must receive a deduction of 3 days per month for observing all the rules of the
32 Department of Corrections and the correctional facility where that individual is confined
33 or the jail where that individual is confined. The period from which the deduction is
34 made must be calculated from the first day the individual is received into the custody of
35 the department or the jail and includes the full length of any imprisonment order to be
36 served. This deduction does not apply to any suspended imprisonment portion of an
37 individual's sentence. For the purpose of calculating the deduction under this subsection,
38 a month is 30 days.

39 Deductions under this subsection must be calculated as follows for partial months:

1	<u>Days of partial month</u>	<u>Maximum deduction available</u>
2	<u>0 to 7 days</u>	<u>0</u>
3	<u>8 to 15 days</u>	<u>1</u>
4	<u>16 to 23 days</u>	<u>2</u>
5	<u>24 to 30 days</u>	<u>3</u>

6 **4. Withdrawal of deductions.** Any portion of the time deducted from the sentence
7 of an individual pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 may be withdrawn by the chief
8 administrative officer of the correctional facility or the jail administrator for the infraction
9 of any rule of the correctional facility or jail, for any misconduct or for the violation of
10 any law of the State. The withdrawal of a deduction may be made at the discretion of the
11 chief administrative officer or jail administrator, in accordance with policies and
12 guidelines established by the Department of Corrections or by the jail administrator in
13 accordance with jail disciplinary procedures.

14 **5. Restoration of deductions.** The chief administrative officer of the correctional
15 facility or the jail administrator may restore any portion of the deductions that have been
16 withdrawn pursuant to subsection 4 if the individual's later conduct and outstanding effort
17 are determined by the chief administrative officer or jail administrator to warrant that
18 restoration.

19 **6. Commitment to Department of Corrections or jail; additional 3 days per**
20 **month deduction not subject to withdrawal.** An individual in the custody of the
21 Department of Corrections or a jail in execution of a sentence of imprisonment for a
22 crime committed before October 1, 1995 may earn and have deducted up to 3 days per
23 month in addition to the deduction provided pursuant to subsections 2 and 3 if the
24 individual is assigned to or participates in work, education or other responsibilities within
25 the correctional facility or jail or a program that are determined to be of sufficient
26 importance to warrant those deductions by the chief administrative officer of the
27 correctional facility or the jail administrator in accordance with policy and guidelines
28 established by the Department of Corrections or sheriff. A deduction awarded under this
29 subsection may not be withdrawn by the chief administrative officer or the jail
30 administrator. For the purpose of calculating a deduction under this subsection, "month"
31 means a calendar month.

32 Deductions made under this subsection must be calculated as follows for partial months:

33	<u>Days of partial month</u>	<u>Maximum deduction available</u>
34	<u>1 to 10 days</u>	<u>up to 1</u>
35	<u>11 to 20 days</u>	<u>up to 2</u>
36	<u>21 to 31 days</u>	<u>up to 3</u>

37 **7. Commitment to Department of Corrections for crime committed before**
38 **October 1, 1995; additional 2 days per month deduction not subject to withdrawal.**
39 An individual in the custody of the Department of Corrections in execution of a sentence
40 of imprisonment for a crime committed before October 1, 1995 may earn and have

1 deducted up to 2 days per month in addition to the days of deductions provided for in
2 subsections 2, 3 and 6 if the individual is assigned to and participates in minimum
3 security or community programs administered by the department. These deductions may
4 also apply if the individual is assigned to or participates in minimum security or
5 community programs through agencies providing services to the department. These
6 deductions may be authorized for work and responsibilities, to include public restitution,
7 that are considered to be of sufficient importance to warrant those deductions by the chief
8 administrative officer of the correctional facility in accordance with department policy
9 and guidelines. A deduction awarded under this subsection may not be withdrawn by the
10 chief administrative officer. For the purpose of calculating a deduction under this
11 subsection, "month" means a calendar month.

12 Deductions made under this subsection must be calculated as follows for partial months:

<u>Days of partial month</u>	<u>Maximum deduction available</u>
<u>1 to 15 days</u>	<u>up to 1</u>
<u>16 to 31 days</u>	<u>up to 2</u>

16 **8. Calculation of deduction for work in excess of 8 hours.** The Commissioner of
17 Corrections or the sheriff may establish policy and guidelines for crediting hours of
18 participation in work in excess of 8 hours in a day toward another day for the purpose of
19 calculating deductions from a sentence of imprisonment under subsections 6 and 7.

20 **9. Calculation of deductions following imposition of new or revised sentence of**
21 **imprisonment for same offense.** When a judgment of conviction involving a term of
22 imprisonment is vacated or a sentence involving a term of imprisonment is revised or
23 reviewed and a new sentence involving a term of imprisonment is thereafter imposed
24 upon the individual for the same offense, the day-for-day deduction must be accorded on
25 the new sentence both for each day the individual served in execution of the initial
26 sentence pursuant to section 2302, subsection 1 and for all previously earned deductions
27 specified in subsections 2, 3, 6 and 7 and Title 30-A, section 1606. Prior to the day-for-
28 day deduction being given on the new sentence, the new sentence must be reduced by any
29 deductions specified in section 2305 previously or subsequently received. The
30 deductions applied to the new sentence must be calculated in accordance with this
31 section.

32 **§2311. Deductions for individual who committed crime before October 1, 1995 and**
33 **was sentenced prior to October 1, 1983**

34 **1. Application.** This section applies only to an individual who committed a crime
35 on or after May 1, 1976 but before October 1, 1995 and who was sentenced prior to
36 October 1, 1983 to imprisonment for that crime.

37 **2. Deductions based on law in effect at time of offense.** Unless otherwise
38 specifically provided by law, deductions based on conduct and participation from a
39 sentence that was imposed prior to October 1, 1983 must be calculated in accordance
40 with the laws in effect on the date the offense was committed. When a judgment of
41 conviction involving a term of imprisonment is vacated or a sentence involving a term of

1 imprisonment is revised or reviewed and a new sentence involving a term of
2 imprisonment is thereafter imposed for the same offense, calculation of deductions based
3 on conduct and participation must be in accordance with the laws in effect on the date
4 that offense was committed.

5 **§2312. Deductions applicable to concurrent sentences resulting from new criminal**
6 **conduct while on probation or administrative release**

7 **1. Revocation of probation or administrative release by court before conviction**
8 **and sentence for new criminal conduct.** An individual whose probation or
9 administrative release is revoked by a court for new criminal conduct must receive a
10 deduction for the time the individual serves as a result of the revocation from the sentence
11 that is the result of a conviction for the new criminal conduct if:

12 A. The new criminal conduct is committed during the probation or administrative
13 release;

14 B. The revocation of probation or administrative release occurs before the conviction
15 for the new criminal conduct;

16 C. The individual is subsequently convicted of a crime arising out of the new
17 criminal conduct; and

18 D. Concurrent sentences are imposed by the court that do not commence on the same
19 date.

20 **2. Revocation of probation or administrative release by court after conviction**
21 **and sentence for new criminal conduct.** An individual whose probation or
22 administrative release is revoked by a court following a conviction for new criminal
23 conduct must receive a deduction for the time the individual serves as a result of the
24 conviction for the new criminal conduct from the time the individual is required to serve
25 as a result of the revocation if:

26 A. The new criminal conduct is committed during the probation or administrative
27 release;

28 B. The revocation of probation or administrative release occurs after the conviction
29 for the new criminal conduct;

30 C. The individual is subsequently convicted of a crime arising out of the new
31 criminal conduct; and

32 D. Concurrent sentences are imposed by the court that do not commence on the same
33 date.

34 **§2313. Deductions for individual sentenced prior to effective date of Maine**
35 **Criminal Code**

36 An individual convicted of an offense committed prior to May 1, 1976 and sentenced
37 under the law then in effect may elect to have that individual's parole eligibility calculated
38 using the deductions based on conduct and participation available to individuals
39 sentenced under this Code. The election must result in the application of deductions
40 pursuant to section 2310. The parole eligibility and deductions based on conduct and

1 participation of an individual who does not so elect must be calculated in accordance with
2 the laws in effect on the date the offense was committed. This section may not be
3 construed to compel or permit discharge of any individual sooner than the discharge
4 would have occurred under the law in effect on the date the offense was committed.

5 **§2314. Release from imprisonment**

6 **1. Unconditional release and discharge.** An individual committed to the custody
7 of the Department of Corrections or a jail in execution of a sentence of imprisonment
8 must be unconditionally released and discharged upon the expiration of that individual's
9 sentence, as determined after the deductions afforded that individual under this chapter,
10 except that release is subject to the following provisions.

11 A. If the applicable calculations for an individual committed to the custody of the
12 Department of Corrections fix the release and discharge date on a Saturday, Sunday
13 or legal holiday, that individual may be released and discharged on the last regular
14 business day of the correctional facility preceding that Saturday, Sunday or legal
15 holiday.

16 B. If the length of the term of imprisonment to be served by an individual committed
17 to the custody of a jail is 8 days or more, that individual may be released at any time
18 on the final day of imprisonment, in accordance with jail release procedures;
19 otherwise, that individual may not be released until the sentence expires.

20 **2. Release of individual sentenced prior to effective date of Maine Criminal**
21 **Code.** An individual in the custody of the Department of Corrections pursuant to a
22 sentence imposed under the law in effect prior to May 1, 1976 must be released and
23 discharged according to the law as it was in force prior to May 1, 1976 and such law
24 continues in force for this purpose as if this Code were not enacted.

25 **PART B**

26 **Sec. B-1. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§§5-C and 5-D** are enacted to read:

27 **5-C. Concurrent sentence.** "Concurrent sentence" means a sentence involving
28 imprisonment that runs at the same time as one or more other sentences involving
29 imprisonment while an individual is simultaneously in execution of each of them. A
30 sentence involving imprisonment does not need to be imposed at the same time or begin
31 or end at the same time as another sentence to be a concurrent sentence.

32 **5-D. Consecutive sentence.** "Consecutive sentence" means a sentence involving
33 imprisonment that immediately follows in time another sentence involving imprisonment.
34 A sentence is not a consecutive sentence with respect to another sentence if an individual
35 is in execution of both sentences at any time. A sentence involving imprisonment does
36 not need to be imposed at the same time as another sentence to be a consecutive sentence.

37 **Sec. B-2. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§7-A** is enacted to read:

38 **7-A. Day.** "Day," for purposes of imposing imprisonment or probation,
39 administrative release or supervised release, means 24 hours.

1 **Sec. B-3. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§14-A** is enacted to read:

2 **14-A. Individual.** "Individual" means a human being.

3 **Sec. B-4. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§17-A** is enacted to read:

4 **17-A. Month.** "Month," for purposes of imposing imprisonment or probation,
5 administrative release or supervised release, means 30 days.

6 **Sec. B-5. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§23-B** is enacted to read:

7 **23-B. Split sentence.** "Split sentence" means a sentence involving imprisonment, an
8 initial portion of which is served and the remainder of which is suspended, accompanied
9 by probation or administrative release.

10 **Sec. B-6. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§§26 and 27** are enacted to read:

11 **26. Week.** "Week," for purposes of imposing imprisonment or probation,
12 administrative release or supervised release, means 7 days.

13 **27. Year.** "Year," for purposes of imposing imprisonment or probation,
14 administrative release or supervised release, means 365 days.

15 **Sec. B-7. 17-A MRSA §201, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 383, §8 and
16 affected by §156, is further amended to read:

17 **2. Murder.** The sentence for murder is as authorized in chapter ~~54~~ 63.

18 **Sec. B-8. 17-A MRSA §207, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. JJ, §1, is
19 amended to read:

20 **3. Minimum fine.** For a violation under subsection 1, the court shall impose a
21 sentencing alternative that involves a fine of not less than \$300, which may not be
22 suspended except as provided in subsection 4.

23 **Sec. B-9. 17-A MRSA §207, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

24 **4. Finding by court necessary to impose other than minimum fine.** In the case of
25 an individual, the court may suspend all or a portion of a minimum fine under subsection
26 3 or impose a lesser fine other than the mandatory fine if the court finds by a
27 preponderance of the evidence that there are exceptional circumstances that justify
28 imposition of a lesser financial penalty. In making a finding of exceptional
29 circumstances, the court may consider:

30 A. Reliable evidence of financial hardship on the part of the individual and the
31 individual's family and dependents;

32 B. Reliable evidence of special needs of the individual or the individual's family and
33 dependents;

- 1 C. Reliable evidence of the individual's income and future earning capacity and the
2 individual's assets and financial resources from whatever source;
- 3 D. Reliable evidence regarding any pecuniary gain derived from the commission of
4 the offense; and
- 5 E. The impact of imposition of the mandatory fine on the individual's reasonable
6 ability to pay restitution under chapter 69.

7 **Sec. B-10. 17-A MRSA §253, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 383, §20 and
8 affected by §156, is repealed.

9 **Sec. B-11. 17-A MRSA §253, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 768, §2, is
10 repealed.

11 **Sec. B-12. 17-A MRSA §253-A** is enacted to read:

12 **§253-A. Special sentencing provisions for gross sexual assault**

13 **1. Any term of years; nonmandatory sentence alternative.** If the State pleads and
14 proves that the defendant is a repeat sexual assault offender, the court may impose a
15 definite term of imprisonment for any term of years. The court also may impose as part
16 of the sentence either a period of probation of any term of years pursuant to section 1804,
17 subsection 4 or a period of supervised release of any term of years pursuant to section
18 1881, subsection 2, paragraph A.

19 As used in this subsection, "repeat sexual assault offender" means a person who commits
20 a new gross sexual assault after having been convicted previously and sentenced for any
21 of the following:

- 22 A. Gross sexual assault, formerly denominated as gross sexual misconduct;
- 23 B. Rape;
- 24 C. Attempted murder accompanied by sexual assault;
- 25 D. Murder accompanied by sexual assault; or
- 26 E. Conduct substantially similar to a crime listed in paragraphs A to D that is a crime
27 under the laws of another jurisdiction.

28 For purposes of determining whether a defendant is a repeat sexual assault offender, the
29 date of sentencing is the date of the oral pronouncement of the sentence by the trial court,
30 even if an appeal is taken.

31 "Accompanied by sexual assault" as used with respect to attempted murder, murder and
32 crimes involving substantially similar conduct in another jurisdiction is satisfied if it was
33 definitionally an element of the crime or was pleaded and proved.

34 **2. Any term of years; mandatory sentence alternative.** If the State pleads and
35 proves that a crime under section 253 was committed against an individual who had not
36 yet attained 12 years of age, the court shall impose a definite term of imprisonment for
37 any term of years. In determining the basic term of imprisonment as the first step in the
38 sentencing process specified in section 1602, subsection 1, paragraph A, the court shall

1 select a definite term of at least 20 years. The court shall also impose as part of the
2 sentence a period of supervised release to immediately follow that definite term of
3 imprisonment as mandated by section 1881, subsection 1.

4 **3. Aggravating sentencing factors.** The court shall treat the following as an
5 aggravating sentencing factor.

6 A. If the State pleads and proves that a Class A crime of gross sexual assault was
7 committed by an individual who had previously been convicted and sentenced for a
8 Class B or Class C crime of unlawful sexual contact, or an essentially similar crime
9 in another jurisdiction, the court, in determining the appropriate sentence, shall treat
10 as an aggravating sentencing factor that prior conviction.

11 B. If the State pleads and proves that a violation of section 253, subsection 1 or 2
12 was committed in a safe children zone, the court, in determining the appropriate
13 sentence, shall treat this as an aggravating sentencing factor.

14 C. In using a sentencing alternative involving a term of imprisonment for an
15 individual convicted of violating section 253, a court, in determining the maximum
16 period of incarceration as the 2nd step in the sentencing process specified in section
17 1602, subsection 1, paragraph B, shall treat each prior Maine conviction for a
18 violation of section 253 as an aggravating sentencing factor.

19 (1) When the sentencing class for a prior conviction under section 253 is Class
20 A, the court shall enhance the basic period of incarceration by a minimum of 4
21 years of imprisonment.

22 (2) When the sentencing class for a prior conviction under section 253 is Class
23 B, the court shall enhance the basic period of incarceration by a minimum of 2
24 years of imprisonment.

25 (3) When the sentencing class for a prior conviction under section 253 is Class
26 C, the court shall enhance the basic period of incarceration by a minimum of one
27 year of imprisonment.

28 D. In arriving at the final sentence as the 3rd step in the sentencing process specified
29 in section 1602, subsection 1, paragraph C, the court may not suspend that portion of
30 the maximum term of incarceration based on a prior conviction.

31 **Sec. B-13. 17-A MRSA §282, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

32 **3. Aggravating sentencing factor of victim under 12 years of age.** If the State
33 pleads and proves that a crime under this section was committed against an individual
34 who had not attained 12 years of age, the court, in determining the appropriate sentence,
35 shall treat the age of the victim as an aggravating sentencing factor.

36 **Sec. B-14. 17-A MRSA §1125** is enacted to read:

37 **§1125. Mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for certain drug offenses**

38 **1. Minimum term of imprisonment.** Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2
39 and 3, the minimum term of imprisonment, which may not be suspended, is as follows:

1 A. When the sentencing class is Class A, the minimum term of imprisonment is 4
2 years;

3 B. When the sentencing class is Class B, the minimum term of imprisonment is 2
4 years; and

5 C. With the exception of a conviction under section 1105-A, 1105-B, 1105-C or
6 1105-D when the drug that is the basis for the charge is marijuana, when the
7 sentencing class is Class C, the minimum term of imprisonment is one year.

8 **2. Finding by court necessary to impose other than mandatory minimum term**
9 **of imprisonment.** The court may impose a sentence other than a minimum unsuspended
10 term of imprisonment set forth in subsection 1 if:

11 A. The court finds by substantial evidence that:

12 (1) Imposition of a minimum unsuspended term of imprisonment under
13 subsection 1 will result in substantial injustice to the individual. In making this
14 determination, the court shall consider, among other considerations, whether the
15 individual did not know and reasonably should not have known that the victim
16 was less than 18 years of age;

17 (2) Failure to impose a minimum unsuspended term of imprisonment under
18 subsection 1 will not have an adverse effect on public safety; and

19 (3) Failure to impose a minimum unsuspended term of imprisonment under
20 subsection 1 will not appreciably impair the effect of subsection 1 in deterring
21 others from violating section 1105-A, 1105-B, 1105-C, 1105-D or 1118-A; and

22 B. The court finds that the individual's background, attitude and prospects for
23 rehabilitation and the nature of the victim and the offense indicate that imposition of
24 a sentence under subsection 1 would frustrate the general purposes of sentencing set
25 forth in section 1501.

26 If the court imposes a sentence under this subsection, the court shall state in writing or on
27 the record its reasons for its findings and for imposing a sentence under this subsection
28 rather than under subsection 1.

29 **3. Reduced mandatory minimum term of imprisonment.** If the court imposes a
30 sentence under subsection 2, the minimum term of imprisonment, which may not be
31 suspended, is as follows:

32 A. When the sentencing class is Class A, the minimum term of imprisonment is 9
33 months;

34 B. When the sentencing class is Class B, the minimum term of imprisonment is 6
35 months; and

36 C. With the exception of trafficking or furnishing marijuana under section 1105-A or
37 1105-C, when the sentencing class is Class C, the minimum term of imprisonment is
38 3 months.

39 **Sec. B-15. 17-A MRS §1126** is enacted to read:

1 **§1126. Special sentencing provisions regarding fines for certain drug offenses**

2 **1. Fine based on value of scheduled drugs at time of offense.** As authorized by
3 section 1706, subsection 3, if the State pleads and proves the value at the time of the
4 commission of a crime of a scheduled drug that is the basis for a conviction under section
5 1103, 1105-A, 1105-B, 1105-C, 1105-D, 1106 or 1107-A, the convicted person may be
6 sentenced to pay a fine in an amount up to the value, as pleaded and proved by the State,
7 of that scheduled drug.

8 **2. Mandatory minimum fine barring court finding exceptional circumstances.**
9 In addition to any other authorized sentencing alternative specified in section 1502,
10 subsection 1 for individuals or section 1502, subsection 2 for organizations, the court
11 shall impose a minimum fine of \$400, none of which may be suspended, except as
12 provided in subsection 3, for an individual convicted of a crime under section 1103;
13 1104; 1105-A; 1105-B; 1105-C; 1105-D; 1106; 1107-A; 1108; 1109; 1110; 1111;
14 1111-A, subsection 4-A; 1116; 1117; or 1118.

15 **3. Finding by court necessary to impose other than minimum fine.** In the case of
16 an individual, the court may suspend all or a portion of a minimum fine under subsection
17 2 or impose a fine less than the minimum fine specified in subsection 2 if the court finds
18 by a preponderance of the evidence that there are exceptional circumstances that justify
19 imposition of a lesser financial penalty. In making a finding of exceptional
20 circumstances, the court may consider:

21 A. Reliable evidence of financial hardship on the part of the individual and the
22 individual's family and dependents;

23 B. Reliable evidence of special needs of the individual or the individual's family and
24 dependents;

25 C. Reliable evidence of the individual's income and future earning capacity and the
26 individual's assets and financial resources from whatever source;

27 D. Reliable evidence regarding any pecuniary gain derived from the commission of
28 the offense; and

29 E. The impact of imposition of the mandatory fine on the individual's reasonable
30 ability to pay restitution under chapter 69.

31 **Sec. B-16. 29-A MRSA §2412-A, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt.
32 TT, §5, is further amended to read:

33 **3. Minimum mandatory sentences for certain suspension.** If the suspension was
34 for OUI or an OUI offense, the court shall impose a minimum fine of \$600, a term of
35 imprisonment of 7 consecutive days and a suspension of license of not less than one year
36 nor more than 3 years consecutive to the original suspension. The penalties may not be
37 suspended except as provided in subsection 3-A.

38 A. If the person has a prior conviction for violating this section within a 10-year
39 period and was subject to the minimum mandatory sentences, then the following
40 minimum penalties, which may not be suspended by the court, apply in the event the
41 suspension was for OUI:

- 1 (1) A minimum fine of \$1,000, a term of imprisonment of 30 consecutive days
2 and a suspension of license for not less than one year nor more than 3 years
3 consecutive to the original suspension in the event of one prior conviction;
- 4 (2) A minimum fine of \$2,000, a term of imprisonment of 60 consecutive days
5 and a suspension of license for not less than one year nor more than 3 years
6 consecutive to the original suspension in the event of 2 prior convictions; or
- 7 (3) A minimum fine of \$3,000, a term of imprisonment of 6 months and a
8 suspension of license for not less than one year nor more than 3 years consecutive
9 to the original suspension in the event of 3 or more prior convictions. The
10 sentencing class for this offense is a Class C ~~crime~~.

11 B. For all other suspensions, the minimum fine for a first offense is \$250, which may
12 not be suspended by the court. The minimum fine for 2nd and subsequent offenses is
13 \$500, which may not be suspended by the court.

14 A separate reading of the allegation and a separate trial are not required under this
15 subsection.

16 **Sec. B-17. 29-A MRSA §2412-A, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

17 **3-A. Finding by court necessary to impose other than minimum fine.** In the case
18 of an individual, the court may suspend all or a portion of a minimum fine under
19 subsection 3 or impose a fine less than the minimum fine specified in subsection 3 if the
20 court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that there are exceptional circumstances
21 that justify imposition of a lesser financial penalty. In making a finding of exceptional
22 circumstances, the court may consider:

23 A. Reliable evidence of financial hardship on the part of the offender and the
24 offender's family and dependents;

25 B. Reliable evidence of special needs of the offender or the offender's family and
26 dependents;

27 C. Reliable evidence of the offender's income and future earning capacity and the
28 offender's assets and financial resources from whatever source;

29 D. Reliable evidence regarding any pecuniary gain derived from the commission of
30 the offense; and

31 E. The impact of imposition of the mandatory fine on the offender's reasonable
32 ability to pay restitution under Title 17-A, chapter 69.

33 **PART C**

34 **Sec. C-1. Revisor's review; cross-references.** The Revisor of Statutes shall
35 review the Maine Revised Statutes and include in the errors and inconsistencies bill
36 submitted to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature pursuant to Title 1, section
37 94 any sections necessary to correct and update any cross-references in the statutes to
38 provisions of law repealed in this Act.

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SUMMARY

This bill, which is being submitted by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission, recodifies and revises the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, Part 3 and other portions of the Maine Criminal Code and amends other laws affected by this recodification and revision accordingly. The purpose of this bill is to reorganize certain portions of the Maine Criminal Code to be more logical and user-friendly while bringing the language into conformity with current drafting standards, clarifying current law and eliminating inconsistencies within Title 17-A. While much of the revision throughout this bill is intended to be technical in nature, the following changes are more substantive.

Part A

Part A recodifies and revises the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, Part 3.

1. Chapter 61, General Sentencing Provisions, which is the current chapter 47:

- A. Allows the court to accept a plea agreement between the attorney for the State and the defendant that provides for an agreed-upon authorized sentencing alternative, the imposition of which is deferred;
- B. Specifies that, as with the Department of Corrections, the legal authority of jails to transfer individuals from one facility to another by agreement is not impaired by the provisions of chapter 61; and
- C. Subjects to forfeiture a firearm that constitutes the basis for a conviction of aggravated unlawful operation of a methamphetamine laboratory.

2. Chapter 63, Sentences of Imprisonment, which is the current chapter 51:

- A. Specifies that, in imposing a sentencing alternative that includes a term of imprisonment, the court is required to set a definite period of imprisonment;
- B. Specifies the steps of the sentencing process the court must take in imposing a sentence for the crime of murder;
- C. Specifies that the court must employ specific steps of the sentencing process when imposing a period of supervised release after imprisonment and determine the appropriate period of supervised release;
- D. Specifies that no portion of a term of imprisonment for murder may be suspended;
- E. Specifies that, unless the law that the individual is convicted of violating expressly provides that an authorized term of imprisonment may not be suspended and if the individual is eligible for probation or administrative release, a court may suspend the authorized term of imprisonment in whole or in part and accompany the suspension with a period of probation or administrative release. The period of probation may not exceed the maximum period of probation authorized for the crime, and the period of administrative release may not exceed one year;

- 1 F. Clarifies that provisions regarding a previously imposed sentence when a new
2 sentence is to be served consecutively apply to administrative release as well as
3 probation;
- 4 G. Does not retain the provision in current law prohibiting the court from
5 resentencing a defendant if the sentences are consecutive as a matter of law;
- 6 H. Includes administrative release in the provision prohibiting a court from imposing
7 a sentence of imprisonment, not wholly suspended, to be served consecutively with
8 any split sentence, or to any sentence including supervised release previously
9 imposed or imposed on the same date, if the net result would be to have the
10 individual released from physical confinement be on probation, administrative release
11 or supervised release for the first sentence and thereafter be required to serve an
12 unsuspended term of imprisonment on the 2nd sentence; and
- 13 I. Allows the court to rearrange the order of sentences.
- 14 3. Chapter 65, Fines, Fees, Assessments and Surcharges, gathers various provisions
15 regarding fines, fees, assessments and surcharges from throughout Part 3 into one
16 chapter. Specifically, chapter 65 does the following.
- 17 A. Subchapter 1, Fines, which is the current chapter 53:
- 18 (1) Requires the court, in imposing a sentencing alternative that includes a fine,
19 to set a specific amount of money;
- 20 (2) Collects the current statutory exceptions to the maximum fine amounts based
21 on the class of the crime and requires that the State plead and prove each of them.
22 The definition and sentence hearing procedure for the pecuniary gain exception
23 are also changed;
- 24 (3) Specifies that, for purposes of a default hearing, “convicted person” includes
25 an individual or individuals authorized to make disbursements from the assets of
26 a convicted organization;
- 27 (4) Subjects a person on administrative release to the provisions regarding
28 reporting of default and motions to revoke based on failure to pay a fine; and
- 29 (5) Changes the treatment of the imposition of community service work for an
30 unexcused default as a stand-alone court sanction instead of as a sentencing
31 alternative as under current law.
- 32 B. Subchapter 2, Fees, Assessments and Surcharges, which is the current chapters 49,
33 54-B, 54-F and 54-G:
- 34 (1) Specifies that the provisions regarding failure to pay a county jail
35 reimbursement fee apply to a person on administrative release as well as on
36 probation;
- 37 (2) Changes the credit that an individual committed for nonpayment of a
38 reimbursement fee is given toward the payment of a reimbursement fee for each
39 day of confinement that the individual is in custody to not be less than \$25 or
40 more than \$100;

1 (3) Specifies that a court may impose other surcharges and assessments that are
2 outside the Maine Criminal Code; and

3 (4) Specifies that the authority of the Supreme Judicial Court to impose fees,
4 surcharges or assessments by administrative order or rule is not affected by the
5 provisions of chapter 65.

6 4. Chapter 67, Conditional Release, contains the provisions of law regarding
7 probation, administrative release, supervised release for sex offenders and deferred
8 disposition with the following changes.

9 A. Subchapter 1, Probation, which is the current chapter 49:

10 (1) Requires the court in imposing a sentencing alternative under section 1152
11 that includes a period of probation to set a definite period of probation;

12 (2) Authorizes any court to rearrange the order of sentences; and

13 (3) Authorizes a probation officer to offer a person who has violated probation in
14 a noncriminal manner the option of participating in a public restitution program
15 or treatment program administered through a correctional facility or county jail
16 instead of commencing a probation revocation proceeding or residing at a county
17 jail or, as under current law, a correctional facility, for a period of time not
18 exceeding 90 days.

19 B. Subchapter 2, Administrative Release, which is the current chapter 54-G:

20 (1) Allows a court to terminate a period of administrative release that would
21 delay commencement of a consecutive unsuspended term of imprisonment;

22 (2) Requires the court, as a result of an administrative release revocation hearing,
23 to respecify the place of imprisonment for both the portion of previously
24 suspended sentence of imprisonment required to be served and any remaining
25 suspended portion if necessary to carry out the intent of section 1805, subsection
26 1, paragraph D; and

27 (3) Does not retain the current provisions of law that specifies a suspended
28 sentence with administrative release commences on the date the person goes into
29 actual execution of the sentence.

30 C. Subchapter 3, Supervised Release for Sex Offenders, which is the current chapter
31 50, authorizes a court to terminate a period of supervised release that would delay
32 commencement of a consecutive unsuspended term of imprisonment.

33 5. Chapter 71, Community Service Work, which is the current Chapter 54-C:

34 A. Requires an individual who has been sentenced to perform a specified number of
35 hours of community service work and who is in danger of default for failing to
36 complete the work in the manner ordered by the court to request a modification to
37 avoid the default. The court may modify its prior order as to the time for completion,
38 the nature of the work to be performed or the entity for which the work is to be
39 performed; and

1 B. Specifies the process for a default proceeding for an individual who has been
2 sentenced to perform community service work who fails to complete the sentence,
3 including a reporting process to the court, a motion and hearing process to adjudicate
4 the default, which includes the right to counsel, and specific dispositional alternatives
5 available to the court both in the case of an unexcused default and an excused default.

6 6. Chapter 75, Victims' Rights, which is current the chapter 48, provides a definition
7 of "immediate family" of the victim.

8 7. Chapter 81, Administration of Imposed Sentences of Imprisonment, contains the
9 provisions of law regarding administration of imposed sentences of imprisonment,
10 including the place of commitment and calculations of deductions for time detained prior
11 to and after conviction, including discretionary deductions, and:

12 A. Establishes definitions of "jail" and "sentence of imprisonment" for purposes of
13 the chapter;

14 B. Establishes a section for provisions that apply generally to sentences of
15 imprisonment, such as deductions and how those deductions are applied to concurrent
16 and consecutive sentences;

17 C. Specifies that detention in a mental health institution is considered the same as
18 detention in a correctional facility, jail or local lockup for purposes of calculating
19 deductions; and

20 D. Does not retain the current provision of law giving the attorney for the State the
21 right to be heard at the time of sentence and to recommend a specific sentence or
22 other disposition and requiring the court to consider any statements made by the
23 attorney for the State, along with all other appropriate factors, in determining the
24 sentence. It also does not retain the references to chapter 75, Victims' Rights.

25 **Part B**

26 Part B makes changes to the current law to reflect the changes made in Part A,
27 including:

28 1. Adding new definitions of "concurrent sentence," "consecutive sentence,"
29 "individual" and "split sentence" for purposes of the Maine Criminal Code;

30 2. Specifying that the definitions of "day," "week," "month" and "year" apply for the
31 purposes of imposing imprisonment or probation, administrative release or supervised
32 release;

33 3. Allows the court, but only for an individual, to suspend all or a portion of a
34 minimum fine or impose a lesser fine other than the mandatory fine for certain drug
35 offenses, assault and operating under the influence if the court finds by a preponderance
36 of the evidence that there are exceptional circumstances that justify imposition of a lesser
37 financial penalty; and

38 4. For purposes of imposition of a fine based on the value of a scheduled drug that is
39 the basis for a conviction, requires the State to plead and prove the value of the scheduled
40 drug.

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Part C

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Part C provides for the correction and update of other sections of law not touched in the bill, such as cross-references in the Maine Revised Statutes to provisions of law repealed in this bill.

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