**An Act To Prohibit Solitary Confinement in Maine's Corrections System**

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

**Sec.** **1. 30-A MRSA §1566** is enacted to read:

**§****1566.** **Solitary confinement prohibited**

A jail may not impose solitary confinement on a prisoner. For purposes of this section, "solitary confinement" has the same meaning as in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 17‑A.

**Sec.** **2. 34-A MRSA §1001, sub-§17-A** is enacted to read:

**17-A.** **Solitary confinement.**  "Solitary confinement" means the segregation of a prisoner during which the prisoner has contact with another person less than 3 times per 24-hour period.

**Sec.** **3. 34-A MRSA §3032, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A.** **Solitary confinement.**  Solitary confinement may not be imposed.

**Sec.** **4. 34-A MRSA §3032, sub-§3, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 459, §6, is amended to read:

E. If a person is held in segregation ~~or solitary confinement~~ for more than 5 days, the chief administrative officer shall send a report of the confinement to the commissioner, giving the reasons for the confinement.

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits solitary confinement in jails and prisons in the State. It defines "solitary confinement" to mean that a prisoner is segregated and has contact with another person less than 3 times a day.