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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 769, L.D. 1962, “An Act to Establish the Corrections Ombudsman”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Increase Legislative Access to Department of Corrections Facilities and Address Vacancies on the Board of Visitors'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3001-A, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 383, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Appointment.** The Except as provided in paragraph H, the Governor shall appoint a board of 7 visitors for each correctional facility under the department, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 5.

- A. The terms of the members of the boards of visitors are for 3 years.
- B. Members of the boards of visitors are eligible for reappointment at the expiration of their terms.
- C. A member of the Legislature or an employee of the department may not serve on any board of visitors.
- D. At least one member of each board must be a person licensed by this State to provide mental health services.
- E. Each member of the boards of visitors must be compensated according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379.
- F. The Governor shall appoint a chair from the membership.
- G. At least one member of each board of visitors must have been incarcerated in a correctional facility.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

