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An Act To Amend the County Jail Inspection Requirement for Nationally Accredited Facilities

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1208, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 581, §§10 and 59, is amended to read:

A. The commissioner shall conduct a comprehensive inspection of each county and municipal detention facility every 2 years, in order to provide the department with information, verified by on-site inspection, regarding compliance with all department standards. The commissioner may dispense with this inspection if, when it is due, the facility is accredited by a nationally recognized correctional accrediting body.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1208, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 581, §§10 and 59, is amended to read:

B. The commissioner shall conduct every 2 years no fewer than 3 ~~additional~~ inspections of each county and municipal detention facility ~~during the period between each comprehensive inspection, that are in addition to any comprehensive inspections conducted pursuant to paragraph A~~ in order to determine continued compliance with standards.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Commissioner of Corrections to dispense with a comprehensive inspection of a county jail or other detention facility to determine whether it complies with Department of Corrections standards if it is nationally accredited.