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House of Representatives, January 11, 2017

**An Act To Provide Compensation to a Corrections Officer Injured  
by a Patient or Prisoner**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.  
Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and  
Representatives: HARRINGTON of Sanford, HERRICK of Paris.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA Pt. 14** is enacted to read:

3 **PART 14**

4 **BENEFITS FOR CORRECTIONS OFFICERS**

5 **CHAPTER 651**

6 **SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS**

7 **§5501. Supplemental benefit for corrections officer**

8 **1. Corrections officer; definition.** "Corrections officer," as used in this chapter, has  
9 the same meaning as in section 2801-A, subsection 2.

10 **2. Supplemental benefit.** A corrections officer who while in the performance of  
11 duty suffers bodily injury resulting from acts of a patient or prisoner in the custody of the  
12 jail, prison or state correctional facility where the corrections officer works and as a result  
13 of the injury is entitled to benefits under Title 39-A is entitled to a supplemental benefit in  
14 the amount of the difference between the weekly cash benefits to which the corrections  
15 officer is entitled under Title 39-A and the corrections officer's regular salary.

16 **3. Not chargeable against sick leave.** Any absence from work resulting from the  
17 injury described in subsection 2 may not be charged against available sick leave credits.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill provides for a supplemental benefit paid to a corrections officer who is  
20 injured by the acts of a patient or prisoner of the jail, prison or state correctional facility  
21 where the corrections officer works if the injury qualifies the corrections officer for  
22 workers' compensation benefits. The amount of the supplemental benefit is the difference  
23 between the corrections officer's workers' compensation benefits and the corrections  
24 officer's regular salary. In addition, the work time the corrections officer misses is not  
25 chargeable against available sick leave credits.