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An Act Regarding Participation in Public Works Projects by Pretrial Inmates

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Clerk

Presented by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRS §1606, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 506, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Participation in public works projects authorized.** The sheriff in charge of a
5 county jail, or the sheriff of a county that shares a regional jail with other counties, may
6 permit certain inmates of that jail, including inmates charged with a crime or awaiting
7 sentence, to participate in public works-related projects or in the improvement of property
8 owned by charitable organizations in that county or another county. A project or
9 improvement must be supervised by the sheriff of the county in which the project or
10 improvement is being conducted. The sheriff may request payment from charitable
11 organizations for the transportation of the prisoners and for the transportation and per diem
12 compensation for any guards who accompany the prisoners. For the purposes of this
13 section, "charitable organization" means any nonprofit organization organized or
14 incorporated in this State or having a principal place of business in this State that is exempt
15 from federal income taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
16 Section 501(a), because the nonprofit organization is described in the United States Internal
17 Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3).

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill allows inmates in a jail who are charged with a crime or awaiting sentence to
20 participate in public works projects.