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House of Representatives, March 9, 2023

**An Act to Define the Term "Solitary Confinement" for the Laws
Governing a Jail or Correctional Facility**

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 LOOKNER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and
Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, MATHIESON of Kittery, MILLIKEN of Blue
Hill, NEWMAN of Belgrade, NUTTING of Oakland, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRS §1001, sub-§17-A** is enacted to read:

3 **17-A. Solitary confinement.** "Solitary confinement" means the isolation of a client
4 from the general population of the jail or correctional facility where the client is detained
5 by confinement in a cell or other place for 22 hours or more within a 24-hour period.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill defines "solitary confinement" as the isolation of a client from the general
8 population of the jail or correctional facility where the client is detained by confinement in
9 a cell or other place for 22 hours or more within a 24-hour period.