

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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H.P. 581 - L.D. 776

**An Act To Amend the Length of Time and Circumstances for Which a
Sheriff May Furlough Individuals Incarcerated in a County Jail**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1556, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 407, Pt. A, §118, is further amended to read:

1. Furlough authorized. The sheriff may establish rules for and permit a prisoner under the final sentence of a court a furlough from the county jail in which the prisoner is confined. Furlough may be granted for not more than 3 7 days at one time in order to permit the prisoner to visit a dying relative, to obtain medical services, to participate in a program operated by a jail that conditions release on regular daily reporting to the jail of the prisoner's location and activities or for any other reason consistent with the rehabilitation of an inmate or prisoner that is consistent with the laws or rules of the sheriff's department. Furlough may be granted for a period longer than 3 7 days if required to provide treatment for a physical or mental condition of the prisoner, including a substance use disorder, as determined by a qualified licensed professional.