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House of Representatives, March 17, 2015

An Act To Require the Attorney General To Investigate the Death of a Person in Police Custody or in a Correctional Facility

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative BATES of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and
Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, HAMANN of South Portland, MELARAGNO of
Auburn, SCHNECK of Bangor.

1	De it enacted by the reopie of the state of Manie as follows.
2	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §200-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 200, §1, is further amended
3	by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:
4	The Attorney General shall investigate as a criminal matter the death of a person who
5	at the time of death was in police custody or was an inmate in a state or county
6	correctional facility. The Department of Corrections, the county jail administrator or the
7	law enforcement agency, as appropriate, shall notify the Attorney General of the death as
8	soon as practicable.
9	SUMMARY
10	This bill requires the Attorney General to investigate as a criminal matter the death of
11	a person who at the time of death was in police custody or was an inmate in a correctional
12	facility.