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An Act To Provide Anger Management Courses or Additional Imprisonment for Domestic Violence Offenders

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEAD of Bethel.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCKLAND of Farmington, CRAFTS of Lisbon,
DILLINGHAM of Oxford, MALABY of Hancock, PETERSON of Rumford, TUELL of East
Machias, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WOOD of Sabattus.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1160** is enacted to read:

3 **§1160. Anger management**

4 1. In addition to any sentence that the court orders pursuant to this Part, for a person
5 convicted for the first time of a domestic violence offense under section 207-A, 209-A,
6 210-B, 210-C or 211-A, the court shall enter the following orders for participation in an
7 anger management course provided by an anger management program certified by the
8 Department of Corrections, referred to in this section as "the department," pursuant to
9 Title 19-A, section 4015:

10 A. An order that the offender must participate in a level one anger management
11 course; and

12 B. An order that the offender is prohibited from all contact with the victim of the
13 crime until the offender has completed the anger management course and the
14 department has received notice of completion of the course from the anger
15 management program.

16 2. In addition to any sentence that the court orders pursuant to this Part, for a person
17 convicted for the 2nd domestic violence offense under section 207-A, 209-A, 210-B,
18 210-C or 211-A, the court shall enter the following orders for participation in an anger
19 management course provided by an anger management program certified by the
20 department pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4015:

21 A. An order that the offender must participate in a level 2 anger management course;
22 and

23 B. An order that the offender is prohibited from all contact with the victim of the
24 crime until the offender has completed the anger management course and the
25 department has received notice of completion of the course from the anger
26 management program.

27 3. In addition to any sentence that the court orders pursuant to this Part, for a person
28 convicted for a 3rd or subsequent domestic violence offense under section 207-A, 209-A,
29 210-B, 210-C or 211-A, the court shall enter an order of imprisonment for 2 days per
30 weekend for 6 consecutive weekends, which must commence upon completion of any
31 other sentence of imprisonment.

32 4. Waiver of participation in an anger management course ordered under subsection
33 1 or 2, waiver of completion of a term of imprisonment ordered under subsection 3 and
34 waiver of a fee under subsection 5 may be ordered by the court on the basis of undue
35 hardship.

36 5. An offender who has been ordered to participate in an anger management course
37 under subsection 1 or 2 must pay a fee in an amount to be established by rule of the
38 Department of Corrections pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4015, which must be credited
39 to the department and dedicated to cover the cost of the anger management course.

