

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cooney of Sabattus.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Authorizing Maine Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
Academy Trustees to Establish Certification Standards for Police Chiefs.**

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

R. S., T. 25, § 2803, amended. The first sentence of section 2803 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 491 of the public laws of 1969, and as last repealed and replaced by section 12 of chapter 592 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

The board of trustees of the academy shall have the following duties: Certify and set the standards for certification of the graduates of the academy; **may certify and set standards for certification of Maine police chiefs**; promulgate the standards for recruitment of academy students and prescribe the content of the curriculum.

STATEMENT OF FACT

With the emphasis on qualifications and training of police there is currently no authority on certifying the department head. Though this amendment is not a mandate, but voluntary, it will allow for the development of standards by the trustees of the academy.