

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
110TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

L.D. 1576  
(Filing No. S-234)

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1411, L.D. 1576, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Periodic Justification of Departments and Agencies of State Government under the Maine Sunset Law."

Amend the Amendment by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the Bill in Part A by striking out all of sections 91, 97 and 98 and sections 103 to 116.

Further amend the Bill in Part A by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Further amend the Bill in Part B by striking out all of that part pertaining to "Department of Public Safety"

Further amend the Bill in Part B by striking out all of the last line and inserting in its place the following:

'TOTAL PART B - GENERAL FUND (\$535,540) (\$186,065)'

Further amend the Bill in Part C by striking out all of that part relating to "Department of Public Safety"

Further amend the Bill in Part C by striking out all of the last line and inserting in its place the following:

'TOTAL PART C - HIGHWAY FUND (\$34,913) (\$45,784)'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of Part D.

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the Fiscal Note and inserting in its place the following:

'Fiscal Note

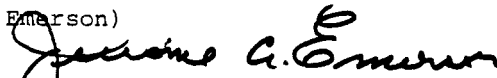
This amendment transfers the funding for the motor vehicle inspection station program back to the Department of Public

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Safety from the Department of the Secretary of State within the Highway Fund. Continuing the program in the Department of Public Safety will increase the total allocation within the Highway Fund to that department \$91,220 in the first year and \$115,582 in the 2nd year.'

Statement of Fact

This Amendment returns the funding for police enforcement of the laws relating to motor vehicle inspection stations to the State Police, Department of Public Safety. The State Police have enforced these laws since 1961. They have an efficient system of operation with excellent cooperation from the inspection stations. The 4 positions eliminated by Part B of the bill are State Police who spend 1/2 their time on this program and the remainder on regular state police duties. They and the 5 State Police eliminated in Part C are on call 24 hours a day and available for emergency duty, such as the lock down at the Maine State Prison at Thomaston. Legislative Document 1576, which is amended by this amendment, merely moves this law enforcement activity to the Department of Secretary of State, creates a new force of untrained semi-police officers, yet with powers of police to arrest alleged violators. The State Police have done an excellent job with this program and no evidence to the contrary supports any change.

(Sen. Emerson)  
NAME:   
COUNTY: Penobscot

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