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STATE OF MAINE
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L.D. 1576
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" 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 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 bill transfers the funding for the motor vehicle
inspection station program back to the Department of Public
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 ^{the} Secretary of State and creates a new force of untrained semi-police officers 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.

Filed by Mr. Reeves of Newport.
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