

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 549

H.P. 404

House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

**An Act to Change the Reimbursement Procedure for Law Enforcement
Personnel Testifying in Court.**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMONT of Kittery.
Cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and
Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, CAMERON of Rumford, CAMPBELL of Holden,
GIERINGER of Portland, JOY of Crystal, LANE of Enfield, OTT of York, WHEELER of
Eliot.

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

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Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §173, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1993, c. 675, Pt. B, §9, is further amended by amending the first paragraph to read:

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4. Distribution of fees and fines. All law enforcement officers appearing for a scheduled trial in District Court at times other than their regular working hours, at the order of a prosecuting official and whether or not they are called upon to give testimony, must be compensated out of the General Fund on an hourly basis at the rate of \$10 for each day or part of a day that the officer is required to be physically present a rate equal to that established by the State for each law enforcement officer's range and step level.

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SUMMARY

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This bill eliminates the current flat-fee reimbursement of \$10 a day for a law enforcement officer appearing for trial in District Court outside of the officer's regular working hours. It replaces that flat-fee reimbursement with reimbursement on an hourly basis at the officer's range and step level, which was the reimbursement method used before amendments substituted the flat fee.