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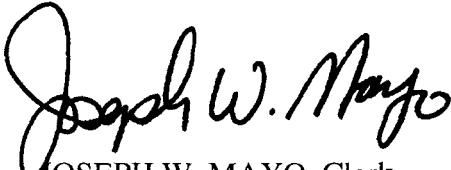
House of Representatives, December 10, 1999

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**An Act to Clarify the Authority of Maine Game Wardens to Stop Motor Vehicles.**

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Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Received by the Clerk of the House on December 8, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.  
Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon.

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

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317, §1, is further amended to read:

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**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7053, sub-§2, ¶D-1,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 317, §1, is further amended to read:

D-1. If in uniform and if they have a reasonable and articulable suspicion that a motor vehicle or other conveyance, or its operator or occupant, is or has been involved in, or may contain evidence of, a violation of chapters 701 to 721 or when necessary to protect a person from the threat of death or personal injury, stop the motor vehicle or other conveyance to check its registration and vehicle identification number, request personal identification of the operator or occupant and question the operator or occupant about the violation. ~~This paragraph is repealed 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature;~~

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7053, sub-§2, ¶D-2,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 317, §2, is repealed.

#### SUMMARY

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Current law allows game wardens to stop vehicles if it is necessary to protect a person from the threat of death or personal injury. The provision of law granting such authority is scheduled to be repealed 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. This bill repeals that sunset language.