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S.P. 436

In Senate, March 26, 2019

**An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Officers To Wear Insignia on
Their Uniforms To Indicate That They Are Veterans**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CYRWAY of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset,
ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: COREY of Windham, HANINGTON of Lincoln,
SHEATS of Auburn, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA c. 411** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 411**

4 **MILITARY INSIGNIA ON THE UNIFORMS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**
5 **OFFICERS**

6 **§3851. Military insignia on the uniforms of law enforcement officers**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a law enforcement officer employed by
8 the State, a county or a municipality may wear insignia on the law enforcement officer's
9 uniform to indicate that the law enforcement officer is a veteran of the Armed Forces of
10 the United States. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules to implement this
11 section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to
12 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill allows a law enforcement officer employed by the State, a county or a
15 municipality to wear insignia on the law enforcement officer's uniform to indicate that the
16 law enforcement officer is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States. It directs
17 the Department of Public Safety to adopt routine technical rules to implement the change
18 in law.