

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 461

S.P. 194

In Senate, February 11, 2025

An Act to Fund Rural Patrol Services in Washington County

(EMERGENCY)

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 5, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 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 MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative MINGO of Calais and
Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor,
MCINTYRE of Lowell, QUINT of Hodgdon, STROUT of Harrington, TUELL of East
Machias.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas**, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period
4 to address as soon as possible the potential public safety issues presented by the reduction
5 of rural patrols by the Maine State Police; and

6 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

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

11 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
12 allocations are made.

13 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

14 **State Police 0291**

15 Initiative: Provides funding for 4 Maine State Trooper positions and related All Other to
16 conduct rural patrols in Washington County.

17 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
18 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000
19 Personal Services	\$302,788	\$312,477
20 All Other	\$13,000	\$13,000
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22 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$315,788</u>	<u>\$325,477</u>

24 HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
25 Personal Services	\$163,040	\$168,257
26 All Other	\$7,000	\$7,000
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28 HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$170,040</u>	<u>\$175,257</u>

29 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
30 takes effect when approved.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill provides funding for 4 Maine State Trooper positions and related All Other to
33 conduct rural patrols in Washington County.