

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No indemnity shall be paid on any domestic animals imported into the State, the importation of which was not in compliance with the laws of the State or rules and regulations in effect at the time of importation.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 37

### AN ACT to Authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to Empower Local and County Law Enforcement Officials with Statewide Jurisdiction.

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

Whereas, a serious problem exists in coordinating statewide enforcement in drug related offenses without statewide authority for covert personnel; and

Whereas, the control of drug trafficking in the State of Maine is essential for the preservation of public peace, health and safety of its citizens; and

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

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

25 MRSA § 2903 is enacted to read:

#### § 2903. Temporary enforcement powers

The Commissioner of Public Safety, at his discretion, is authorized to grant statewide power of enforcement of the criminal laws of the State to local law enforcement officers, as defined in section 2805, assigned to the Department of Public Safety for the duration of that assignment, according to procedures established for that purpose. That power shall be granted only to local law enforcement officers who have completed a basic training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or for whom the basic training course has been waived by the board of trustees of the academy because of equivalent training, as provided in section 2805, subsection 1.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 22, 1977