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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Qualifications for Municipal Law Enforcement Officers.

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

R. S., T. 25, § 2805, additional. Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2805 to read as follows:

§ 2805. Qualifications

1. Basic training. All municipal full-time law enforcement officers shall be required to take during the first year of their employment a 6-week basic training course approved by the board (Board of Commissioners) at a school approved by the board. This section shall not apply to any person employed as a law enforcement officer on the effective date of this Act.

2. Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

A. "Full time" shall mean employment with the reasonable expectation of earning at least \$2,500 in any one calendar or fiscal year for performing law enforcement duties.

B. "Municipal law enforcement officers" shall mean any person empowered by a city or town to serve criminal processes and to arrest and prosecute offenders of the law.

3. In-service training. As a condition to the continued employment of any person as a law enforcement officer by any municipality said person shall be enrolled in any in-service training program approved by the board.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this legislation is to establish minimum training for municipal law enforcement officers and thereby assure Maine citizens of law enforcement protection by adequately trained personnel.