

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Increase the Salaries of the Maine State Police.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2001, amended.** The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 2001 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1-D of chapter 448 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

The compensation of the wardens shall be determined under the Personnel Law ~~and shall not be more than one pay grade below that of the Maine State Police.~~

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 25, § 1504, amended.** The 2nd sentence of section 1504 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The compensation of the other members of the State Police shall be determined under the Personnel Law, **but shall be 3 pay grades above that of fish and game wardens.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

Adequate state-wide law enforcement requires that the State be able to attract, hold and motivate highly capable and qualified personnel for its State Police force.

The State is not presently able to do this because the present pay scale afforded the State Police is grossly inadequate in comparison with neighbor-

ing states, and even in comparison with municipal police in the larger municipalities of Maine.

With respect to State Troopers with 6 years service: New Hampshire pays \$188 per week or \$9,831 per year. Vermont pays \$217 per week or \$11,284 per year. Maine pays \$169 per week or \$8,788 per year.

Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island pay considerably more.

New Hampshire and Vermont require a 45-hour duty week, while Maine requires a minimum 50-hour week, with no overtime, and with a prohibition against outside part-time employment. Although the required minimum is 50 hours, the actual average weekly duty served by State Troopers is well in excess of 50 hours.

The effect of this amendment would be to increase the pay scale of the State Police by 2 pay grades, or approximately 10%. This increase would still leave the State Police well below New Hampshire and Vermont. It would not effect the pay of fish and game wardens.