

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 569

H. P. 468

House of Representatives, February 6, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon.

Cosponsor: Mr. Carey of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide Local Training Courses and Certification for All Maine Law Enforcement Officers.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA, § 2803, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 327, § 1, is amended to read:

The board of trustees of the academy ~~may~~ shall certify and set standards for certification of sheriffs, Maine police chiefs and local law enforcement officers.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA, § 2805, sub-§ 3, first 2 sentences, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 672, § 2, are amended to read:

As a condition to the continued employment of any person as a ~~full-time~~ local law enforcement officer by any municipality or county, said person shall be enrolled in an in-service training program conducted by ~~the police agency by which he is employed~~ the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or a program approved by the board of trustees. The content of, ~~the location~~ and time periods in which such in-service training shall take place shall be established ~~or approved~~ by the board of trustees. **In-service training shall include instruction in the use of firearms.**

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety, Criminal Justice Academy, the sum of \$169,200 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
Criminal Justice Academy		
Personal Services	(2) \$19,638	(2) \$19,638
All Other	67,462	62,462
	<u>\$87,100</u>	<u>\$82,100</u>

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to require all Maine law enforcement officers, full-time or part-time, to be certified and trained according to Criminal Justice Academy standards. The courses would be conducted by the employing police agency or the Criminal Justice Academy and would be located either at the Criminal Justice Academy campus or in the field at locations convenient to the employing police agency.

In order to be certified, an officer must undergo training in the use of firearms.