

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 801

House of Representatives, March 6, 1975

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Chief of the State Police Serving as Acting  
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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

**Sec. 1.** 25 MRSA § 1501, 5th sentence is amended to read:

Such appointment ~~may~~ shall be made from the membership of the State Police.

**Sec. 2.** 25 MRSA § 1501, 7th sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 592, § 37, is further amended to read:

The chief shall be the executive head of the Bureau of State Police, as heretofore established, and shall execute the duties of his office under the direction and subject to the approval of the ~~Governor and Council~~ Commissioner of Public Safety.

**Sec. 3.** 25 MRSA § 1501, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 592, § 37, is further amended by inserting after the 7th sentence the following:

**In the absence of the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of the State Police shall assume the duties and shall have the authority of the commissioner, except that he shall have no authority to change any general rules and regulations unless he is serving in the capacity of acting commissioner as a result of the death, removal, extended leave of absence or resignation of the commissioner.**

**Sec. 4.** 25 MRSA § 1501, 8th sentence is amended to read:

Subject to the approval of the Governor and Council, the chief may designate

a commissioned officer of the State Police to act as his deputy **and serve in such capacity a term coterminous with that of the appointing authority, subject to removal for cause.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for continued orderly leadership in the Department of Public Safety in the event of an extended absence, for whatever reason, of the Commissioner of Public Safety.