

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 126**

H. P. 102

House of Representatives, January 20, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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

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**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 temporary statewide enforcement powers to all personnel employed or assigned to the Division of Special Investigations, who do not have these powers, for the duration of that assignment according to procedures established for that purpose.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to empower local and county enforcement officials temporarily assigned to the Division of Special Investigations with statewide jurisdiction for the duration of their assignment.