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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 587

H. P. 521

House of Representatives, February 3, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Joyce of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Authorize Payment of Overtime Rate for Certain Court Appearances
of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers.**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 4, first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, § 16, is further amended to read:

All law enforcement officers, **other than municipal law enforcement officers**, appearing for a scheduled trial in District Court at times other than their regular working hours, at the order of a prosecuting official and whether or not they are called upon to give testimony, shall be compensated out of the General Fund on an hourly basis equal to that established by the State for their range and step level.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 4, first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, § 16, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

All municipal law enforcement officers appearing for a scheduled trial in District Court at times other than their regular working hours, at the order of a prosecuting official and whether or not they are called upon to give testimony, shall be compensated out of the General Fund at the rate of 1 1/2 times their regular municipality hourly rate times the number of hours so worked.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that municipal law enforcement officers will be paid 1 1/2 times their regular hourly rate for overtime hours worked in District Court at the State's request. Under current practice, officers are compensated on the basis of straight time, and the municipality must make up any difference between the compensation from the General Fund and the overtime rate applicable to their officers.