

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1213**

S. P. 406

In Senate, March 10, 1981

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Redmond of Somerset.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT to Provide a Resident State Trooper for the Town of Carrabasset Valley.**

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

25 MRSA § 1508 is enacted to read:

**§ 1508. Resident state trooper**

**1. Assignment.** The Chief of the State Police shall assign one member of the State Police force as a resident state trooper to be employed and empowered as a state trooper in the Town of Carrabasset Valley, in addition to the regular State Police force. The assignment shall be on a full-time basis from November 1st to April 15th. During this period the trooper shall live in or near the town so that he can respond promptly to calls. During the other months, the trooper may be assigned elsewhere. The assignment shall be consistent with amounts appropriated and allocated for the purposes of this section.

**2. Supervision; responsibilities; rights.** The Chief shall assign as resident state trooper only a state trooper in good standing who has had, at the time of his appointment, at least one year of satisfactory service as a Maine State Police trooper. The chief shall exercise such supervision and direction over the resident state trooper as he deems necessary. He shall determine the police services to be provided and the conditions under which they are to be provided; the manner of acquiring, holding and disposing of real and personal property acquired or used in performing the contract; and any other necessary and proper matters. The

resident state trooper shall have the same powers as officers of the State Police force and of county and municipal police forces; shall be entitled to the same compensation, rights and benefits; and shall be subject to the same rules as a member of the Bureau of State Police, provided those rules are consistent with this section. The resident state trooper shall be considered a state employee for all purposes, including any claims arising out of an act or omission occurring within the course or scope of his employment.

3. **Financing.** The Town of Carrabasset Valley shall pay the full cost of compensation, maintenance and other expenses of the trooper during the period of November 1st to April 15th. In order to implement the provisions and purposes of this section, the town may commit local tax funds and may receive funds from the State, county or Federal Government or any public or private organization which may now or in the future provide funds for this purpose, and the State is authorized to receive the funds, which shall be deposited in the General Fund.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes the assignment of a state trooper to the Town of Carrabasset Valley for 6 months per year, to provide police services for the influx of population during the winter months. The bill will permit the trooper to be assigned to other areas during other months.

The town will pay the full costs of the trooper during the period of his assignment. This will result in a decrease in state costs from the General Fund and the Highway Fund estimated to be as follows:

	1981-82	1982-83
General Fund	\$4,739	\$4,978
Highway Fund	14,063	14,769
Total	\$18,802	\$19,747