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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to H.P. 1820, L.D. 2412,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. 29 MRS A §52-C is enacted to read:

§52-C. Attorney for Secretary of State

The Secretary of State may appoint duly licensed members of the Maine bar to act as his attorneys in all civil, criminal and administrative matters arising within the scope of the duties and authority of the office of the Secretary of State. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the attorneys shall render advice and counsel to the Secretary of State, and may represent the State in all courts of the State in matters within the authority of the Secretary of State as the Secretary of State shall direct.

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The number and complexity of the matters which fall within the statutory responsibility of the Secretary of State have increased in recent years, particularly in the motor vehicle division. Because of the many pressing demands upon the offices of the Attorney General and the 8 district attorneys of the State, it would be helpful to the overall enforcement effort if an attorney who is employed on the staff of the Secretary of State and who is familiar with the

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1 specific statutes relating to the duties of that of-  
2 fice could be more fully utilized to carry out the  
3 responsibilities of the Secretary of State in court  
4 trials, administrative hearings and such other func-  
5 tions as the office demands. There would be no in-  
6 creased cost to the State for this amendment.

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