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L.D. 1675
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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
112TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 650, L.D. 1675, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Equipment and Vehicle Use Policy."

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the ability of the Maine Warden Service to protect the fish and wildlife resources of this State requires a highly visible law enforcement effort; and

Whereas, the number of hours that game wardens may work is now controlled by federal law due to a recent United States Supreme Court decision; and

Whereas, the use of marked vehicles by game wardens for necessary personal business increases law enforcement visibility and serves as a deterrent to would be violators; and

Whereas, wardens have historically apprehended violators and responded to emergencies while using state-owned vehicles for necessary personal use; and

Whereas, the personal use of state-owned vehicles by state law enforcement agencies is already regulated through collective bargaining agreements; 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 preser-

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1 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
2 therefore, '

3 Further amend the bill by inserting before the
4 Statement of Fact the following:

5 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
6 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
7 proved.'

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This amendment adds an emergency clause calling
10 for the act to take effect upon approval and an emer-
11 gency preamble to support the emergency clause.

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Reported by Senator Usher for the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.
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