

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 2005

8 S.P. 798

In Senate, February 7, 1986

9 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

10 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered
11 printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Webster of Franklin.

12 Cosponsored by Representative Rotondi of Athens, Representative
McGowan of Canaan and Representative Dexter of Kingfield.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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18 AN ACT to Amend the Requirement that All
19 Part-time Law Enforcement Officers be
20 Trained by the Maine Criminal Justice
21 Academy.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2805-A, sub-§4, as amended by
26 PL 1985, c. 155, §5, is further amended to read:

27 4. Certification required. As a condition to
28 the continued employment of any person as a reserve
29 or part-time law enforcement officer by a municipali-
30 ty or county, except a law enforcement officer with-
31 out the power to arrest and without the authority to
32 carry a weapon, the person must receive from the
33 academy, within the first 6 months of his employment,
34 certification or a waiver of certification as a re-
35 serve or part-time law enforcement officer. The
36 board of trustees, under extenuating and emergency

1 circumstances in individual cases, may extend this
2 period for not more than 90 days. This subsection
3 does not apply to any person employed as a reserve or
4 part-time law enforcement officer in a municipality
5 or county on September 23, 1983, who has had a mini-
6 mum of 5 years previous experience as a law enforce-
7 ment officer since January 1, 1970.

8 Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2805-A, sub-§6, as enacted by
9 PL 1983, c. 615, §1, is repealed.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 The purpose of this bill is to grandfather part-
12 time law enforcement officers from the mandatory
13 100-hour training course. Only part-time officers
14 with at least 5 years previous experience as a law
15 enforcement officer since 1970 would be
16 grandfathered.

17 The training takes place over a period of 33 1/3
18 weeks, a demanding schedule for people who usually
19 work full time at other jobs. Many have terminated
20 their part-time employment because they simply do not
21 have the time to attend that training, making it
22 extremely difficult for municipalities and counties
23 to keep experienced people in those positions.

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