

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 307

In Senate, March 24, 1987

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator KANY of Kennebec, Representative
RICHARD of Madison.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT Giving the State Fire Marshal, Deputy**
2 **and Inspectors Full Law Enforcement Powers.**
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 25 **MRSA §2396, sub-§7, as repealed and replaced**
7 by PL 1973, c. 632, §6, is amended:

8 7. Other duties. The performance of such other
9 duties as are set forth in this and other sections of
10 the statutes and as may be conferred or imposed from
11 time to time by law. The State Fire Marshal, his
12 deputy and inspectors appointed under this Title
13 shall carry out those functions which the Commission-
14 er of Public Safety may direct and in so doing shall
15 have all the same enforcement powers and duties
16 throughout the State as sheriffs have in their re-

1 spective counties. Such enforcement powers are to be
2 limited in scope to enforcement of statutes, ordi-
3 nances, rules and regulations concerned with fire
4 prevention, arson and other burnings and enforcement
5 of such other specific areas of responsibility as may
6 by statute be assigned to the office of State Fire
7 Marshal, and to arrest for impersonation of or inter-
8 ference with, the State Fire Marshal, his deputy or
9 fire inspectors.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 The purpose of this bill is to extend to the
12 State Fire Marshal, his deputies and inspectors the
13 same law enforcement powers and duties statewide that
14 sheriffs possess in their own counties.

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