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

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Winthrop, Representative CARROLL of Southwest Harbor and Representative PAUL of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Permit Law Enforcement Officers to Solicit Funds for a Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial.

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Whereas, law enforcement officers perform a great public service to the communities of this State; and

Whereas, these officers, daily, place their lives in 9 jeopardy and are currently prohibited from soliciting funds to allow them to build memorials to their fellow officers slain in 11 the line of duty; and

13 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 15 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 17 safety; now, therefore,

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

21 **25 MRSA §3706** is enacted to read:

23 <u>§3706. Exception for a law enforcement officers' memorial</u>

Nothing in this chapter prevents any person or law enforcement officer, while not in uniform, from soliciting funds for the payment of or to pay for any obligations incurred in the erection, completion and maintenance of a memorial created in the memory of police officers slain in the line of duty. Before a law enforcement officer may solicit funds under this section, that officer must receive the consent of that officer's immediate supervisor.

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create an exception to the law on solicitation by law enforcement officers to allow solicitation of funds by officers who are not in uniform to pay for a law enforcement officers' memorial.