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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative KETOVER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative JALBERT of Lisbon, Representative LARRIVÉE of Gorham and Representative PAUL of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Mandate Driver Training and the Use of Safety Belts by
Police Officers.**



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

3 Sec. 1. 25 MRSA c. 405 is enacted to read:

5 CHAPTER 405

7 LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

9 §3761. Scope

11 The requirements of this chapter are in addition to, not in
13 lieu of, other law enforcement training requirements as set out
in chapter 341 or by rule or local ordinance or regulation.

15 §3762. Driver training

17 Any municipal, county or state law enforcement officer whose
19 position in a law enforcement agency requires that officer to
operate a motor vehicle while on active duty within the scope of
21 the officer's employment must successfully complete a course in
defensive driving which has been approved by the Commissioner of
23 Public Safety.

25 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1368-D is enacted to read:

27 §1368-D. Use of seat belts; law enforcement personnel

29 1. Mandatory use. Any municipal or county law enforcement
officer shall be secured by a seat belt when that officer is:

31 A. On active duty as a law enforcement officer; and

33 B. Operating or is a passenger in a motor vehicle belonging
35 to that officer's law enforcement agency.

37 2. Enforcement. The head of each municipal or county law
enforcement agency shall enforce this section within that agency.

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41 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

43 This bill requires that any law enforcement officer who
45 operates a motor vehicle while on active duty must take a
defensive driving course approved by the Commissioner of Public
47 Safety.

49 This bill also requires that all municipal and county law
enforcement officers wear seat belts when in an official motor
vehicle and on active duty. Enforcement of this requirement
51 rests with each municipal or county law enforcement agency head.