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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Augusta, Senator COLLINS of
Aroostook and Representative HUSSEY of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

**An Act to Codify the Creation of the Bureau of Safety and Change Its
Name to the Bureau of Highway Safety.**



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

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3 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §948, sub-§1, ¶II, as amended by PL 1987, c.
4 666, §3, is further amended to read:

5 H. Director, Bureau of Highway Safety;

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7 Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2901, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987,
8 c. 769, Pt. A, §103, is amended to read:

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10 **§2901. Department; commissioner**

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12 There is created and established the Department of Public
13 Safety to coordinate and efficiently manage the law enforcement
14 and public safety responsibilities of the State, to consist of
15 the Commissioner of Public Safety, in this chapter called
16 "commissioner," who shall be appointed by the Governor, subject
17 to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature
18 having jurisdiction over state and local government and to
19 confirmation by the Legislature, to serve at the pleasure of the
20 Governor, and the following as created and established: the
21 Bureau of State Police, the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement, the
22 Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Maine Criminal Justice
23 Academy, the Maine Highway Safety Commission, the Bureau of
24 Highway Safety and the Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug
25 Enforcement.

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27 Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2902, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1989, c. 503,
28 Pt. B, §106, is further amended to read:

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30 **4. Maine Highway Safety Commission.** The Maine Highway
31 Safety Commission, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-I,
32 subsection 83, which shall be under the direction of the
33 Commissioner of Public Safety and advisory to the Governor. The
34 commission shall consist of not more than 25 members selected by
35 the Governor from state, civic and industrial organizations and
36 individuals with interests relating to highway safety. The
37 Commissioner of Public Safety, the Commissioner of
38 Transportation, the Commissioner of Human Services and the
39 Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, the Secretary
40 of State and the Attorney General shall serve as ex officio
41 members. The ex officio members shall appoint persons in major
42 policy-influencing positions as their designees to represent them
43 at meetings of the commission with voting privileges. The
44 commission members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor
45 and shall be compensated in accordance with Title 5, chapter
46 379. The commission shall stimulate active support for highway
47 safety measures and programs and shall advise the Department of
48 Public Safety regarding these issues. The commission shall
49 annually report its findings and recommendations, including any
50 necessary implementing legislation, to the Governor and to the

2 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
over state and local government; and

4 Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2902, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1987, c. 666,
6 §5, is further amended to read:

8 **6. Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement.** The
Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement, which shall be
under the direction of the Director of the Bureau of
10 Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement, ; and

12 Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §2902, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

14 7. Bureau of Highway Safety. The Bureau of Highway Safety
16 which shall be under the direction of the Director of the Bureau
of Highway Safety. The bureau is responsible for the State's
18 highway safety program. The bureau is authorized to develop and
implement a process for obtaining information about highway
20 safety programs administered by other state and local agencies
and to provide and facilitate the provision of financial and
22 technical assistance to other state agencies and political
subdivisions for the purpose of developing and carrying out
24 highway safety programs.

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28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 The Bureau of Safety was created by an Executive Order.
This bill codifies the bureau within the statutes, and changes
32 the title of the bureau to the Bureau of Highway Safety, which
more accurately describes its purpose.