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House of Representatives, March 18, 1991

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ST. ONGE of Greene.

Cosponsored by Representative NUTTING of Leeds and Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.

#### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Ensure that County Sheriffs Continue to Provide Rural Patrols for Small Towns in the Counties.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as f	ronows:
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- 2 30-A MRSA §452, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:
- 6 §452. Patrol

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8 The sheriff in each county, in person or by the sheriff's deputies, may patrol throughout the county, but may not be 10 required by law to patrol the entire county. Priority should be given to patrolling rural areas rather than urbanized areas or 12 along major highways. The county commissioners, with the sheriff's agreement, may enter into a contract with a 14 municipality under section 107 to provide specific patrol services by the sheriff's department in return for payment for these services.

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill provides guidance to sheriffs' departments since municipal police departments and the State Police typically undertake police duties in the most urbanized areas and along major highways, patrols made by county sheriffs should give priority to rural areas.

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