

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1445

House of Representatives, January 7, 1992

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Township 27.

Cosponsored by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford, Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc and Representative MACOMBER of South Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Preserve Public Trust in the State Police.**

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

25 MRSAs §1509 is enacted to read:

§1509. Reference to employment with the State Police for commercial purposes

A former member of the State Police, whose service was terminated for any reason prior to the member's completion of the number of years of creditable service necessary to be eligible for a full service retirement benefit pursuant to Title 5, section 17851, subsection 4, may not make reference to having been a member of the State Police in any advertisement addressed to the public or to a substantial number of persons, in connection with the promotion of the former member's or any other person's business, occupation or profession or to increase the consumption of specified property or service, without written permission granted by the Chief of the State Police. Violation of this section is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$1,000 must be adjudged and may not be suspended.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The public's trust in the Maine State Police is an important factor in the organization's ability to be an effective law enforcement agency.

This bill seeks to maintain public trust in the State Police. It requires a person who was employed as a member of the State Police but who did not complete the number of years of creditable service necessary for a full service retirement benefit, to get written permission from the Chief of the State Police before making reference to that employment in an advertisement for the sale of a service or product.