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House of Representatives, January 12, 1995

**An Act to Provide for Resident State Police Officers for Municipalities
without a Police Force.**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNN of Gray.
Cosponsored by President BUTLAND of Cumberland and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AIKMAN of Poland, BUCK of Yarmouth,
CAMPBELL of Holden, GOOLEY of Farmington, HARTNETT of Freeport, JOYCE of
Biddeford, JOYNER of Hollis, LAYTON of Cherryfield, LIBBY of Buxton, MARVIN of
Cape Elizabeth, MAYO of Bath, REED of Falmouth, SAVAGE of Union, SIMONEAU of
Thomaston, STONE of Bangor, TAYLOR of Cumberland, TUFTS of Stockton Springs,
TYLER of Windham, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senator:
HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA c. 199 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 199

RESIDENT STATE POLICE OFFICERS

§1701. Resident state police officers for municipalities
without police force

The Chief of the State Police may, within available appropriations, appoint suitable persons from the regular state police force as resident state police officers in addition to the regular state police force, to be employed and empowered as state police officers in any municipality, or 2 or more adjoining municipalities, lacking an organized police force and those officers may be detailed by the Chief of the State Police as resident state police officers for regular assignment to those municipalities. Each municipality shall pay all direct costs of compensation, maintenance and other expenses of the state police officers detailed to the municipality. The municipality or municipalities and the Chief of the State Police are authorized to enter into agreements and contracts for resident state police services, for periods not exceeding 3 years. Such agreements may be renewable for additional terms. Any agreement or contract is subject to approval as to form by the Attorney General and is subject to an annual nonappropriation clause. The Chief of the State Police may exercise such supervision and direction over any resident police officer so appointed as the Chief of the State Police determines necessary, and each appointee is required to conform to the requirements of chapter 191. Each resident state police officer has the same powers as officers of the regular state police force and is entitled to the same rights and subject to the same rules and regulations as apply to regular state police officers as established by the Bureau of State Police within the Department of Public Safety. The Bureau of State Police is authorized to promulgate such additional rules and regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry out this program.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes the provision of resident state police officers for municipalities without a police force.