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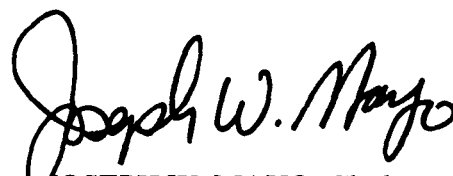
H.P. 67

House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

**An Act to Enable Sworn Law Enforcement Employees of the  
Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice and  
Officers of the United States Custom Service of the Department of the  
Treasury to Enforce Maine Law.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLUKEY of Houlton.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BAILEY of Township 27,  
WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator: HALL of Piscataquis.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1502**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 123, §1, is  
6 further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph  
8 to read:

10       Sworn law enforcement employees of the Immigration and  
12 Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice and officers  
14 of the United States Custom Service of the Department of the  
16 Treasury have the powers of the State Police.

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20                                   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22       This bill confers upon United States Border Patrol agents,  
24 inspectors and investigators of the Immigration and  
Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice and officers  
of the United States Customs Service of the Department of the  
Treasury the statutory authority to enforce Maine law.  
Notwithstanding the lack of authority, these federal law  
enforcement officers are presented with serious violations of  
traffic and criminal statutes that require immediate action and  
currently assist state, county and local law enforcement agencies  
when requested.