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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 194, L.D. 272, "Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study High-speed Chases"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study High-speed Chases and Emergency Responses'**

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd indented paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 5 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

**'Whereas,** the Legislature has learned of the controversy and danger surrounding high-speed chases by law enforcement officers and emergency responses by law enforcement officers and fire and rescue personnel; and

**Whereas,** exploring the purpose and application of high-speed chases and emergency responses is necessary to ensure the safety of the citizens of the State, as well as the law enforcement officers and fire and rescue personnel who are charged with the citizens' protection; and'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Study High-speed Chases and Emergency Responses, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further'

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Further amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1, lines 27 and 28 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 13 members appointed as follows:'

Further amend the resolve in section 2 by inserting after subsection 6 the following:

'7. The President of the Maine Fire Chiefs Association, or the president's designee;

8. The President of the Maine Ambulance Association, or the president's designee;'

Further amend the resolve in section 2 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting in their place the following:

**'Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study current policies governing the use of high-speed chases and emergency responses, current practices involved in high-speed chases and emergency responses, a history of the high-speed chases and emergency responses resulting in personal injuries or property damage that have occurred in this State and a review of other states' policies and procedures regarding the use of high-speed chases and emergency responses. The commission may seek information from experts and other interested parties. Using this information, the commission shall consider the need for reducing the use of high-speed chases, setting additional parameters regarding when and how high-speed chases are to be conducted, requiring mandatory driver training for emergency response vehicles and establishing a model policy for emergency responses. The commission shall make a report in accordance with section 8; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, upon approval from the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing resources to the commission; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve in section 8 in the last line (page 3, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "commission." and inserting in its place the following: 'commission; and be it further'

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2 Further amend the resolve by inserting before the emergency clause the following:

4 'Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are  
6 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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12 Commission to Study High-speed Chases  
14 and High-speed Emergency Responses

16 Personal Services \$440  
16 All Other \$900

18 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses  
20 of legislative members of the Commission to  
22 Study High-speed Chases and Emergency Responses.

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TOTAL \$1,340'

26 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
28 summary the following:

30 FISCAL NOTE

32 1999-00

34 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

36 General Fund \$1,340

40 This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$1,340 in  
42 fiscal year 1999-00 to the Legislature for the per diem and  
44 expenses of legislative members of the Commission to Study High-speed Chases and Emergency Responses.

46 The additional costs associated with providing staffing  
48 assistance to the commission during the interim between legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.

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2 The Department of Public Safety will incur some minor  
3 additional costs to serve on the commission. These costs can be  
4 absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

6 The additional costs associated with participating as a  
7 commission member can be absorbed by the Department of the  
8 Attorney General utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

10 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment renames the resolve and makes changes to  
13 incorporate in the scope of the study commission review of  
14 emergency responses as well as high-speed chases by law  
15 enforcement officers. The amendment expands membership of the  
16 commission to 13 members. The amendment also removes the  
17 Department of Public Safety from staffing duties and provides  
18 that, upon approval from the Legislative Council, the Office of  
19 Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide staffing resources to the  
20 commission. The amendment also adds an appropriation and a  
fiscal note to the resolve.

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