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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 215, L.D. 637, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Law Enforcement Officer Certification Standards"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2803-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 395, Pt. O, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Training and certification of all law enforcement officers in State. In accordance with this chapter, to establish training and certification standards for all law enforcement officers, set requirements for board-approved courses, prescribe curriculum and certify both graduates of board-approved courses and persons for whom the board has waived the training requirements of this chapter. Certification must be based on the officer's demonstration of having acquired specific knowledge and skills directly related to job performance.

No later than March 1, 1995, the board shall design joint training and certification standards combining into a single basic training course the present State Police course and the basic municipal and county course. The joint training course must equal or exceed any curriculum training requirements of the State Police effective on December 31, 1994. The board shall report its recommendations and the necessary implementing legislation for a basic training course to the Legislature by April 1, 1995. The Legislature must approve the associated costs of the joint training course before it may be implemented.

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2 Until joint training and certification standards are implemented  
4 pursuant to this subsection, the Chief of the State Police shall  
6 approve the basic training requirements for enlisted personnel of  
the State Police for graduation from the academy. The board  
shall certify State Police enlisted personnel who meet the  
approved basic training requirements.

8 ~~No--later--than--July--1,--1998,--the--board--shall--adopt--rules  
10 identifying--the--permissible--duties--of--part--time--law--enforcement  
12 officers--who--have--completed--the--training--courses--described--in  
14 section--2804--B.---The--rules--adopted--are--major--substantive--rules  
for--the--purposes--of--Title--5,--chapter--375,--subchapter--II--A--and  
must--be--implemented--no--later--than--December--31,--2001.~~

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment repeals the  
20 provision that required the Board of Trustees of the Maine  
22 Criminal Justice Academy to adopt major substantive rules  
24 identifying the permissible duties of part-time law enforcement  
26 officers. In Legislative Document 2628, Resolve, Regarding  
28 Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Certification of Law  
Enforcement Officers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine  
Criminal Justice Academy, the board conditionally adopted a rule  
regarding part-time law enforcement officers, but the Joint  
Standing Committee on Criminal Justice did not authorize adoption  
of the rule.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**