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In Senate, January 26, 1999

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**An Act to Amend the Law Enforcement Officer Certification Standards.**

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Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro and  
Representative: MUSE of South Portland.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2801-A, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1989, c.  
521, §§2 and 17, is repealed.

6       **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2804-B, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1993, c.  
630, Pt. B, §5, is further amended to read:

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10       **2. Preservice training standards.** The board shall  
12 establish standards for preservice training certification ~~that~~  
14 ~~are equivalent to the 100-hour reserve officer training course as~~  
16 ~~of November 1, 1988.~~ In establishing the standards, the board  
18 shall consider the use of a registered apprenticeship with a  
20 certified, experienced officer, to be followed by an examination  
22 given by the board, as an alternative to part or all of the  
24 preservice training course leading to preservice certification.  
26 In establishing the standards, the board shall cooperate with the  
28 State and local departments and agencies to which the preservice  
30 standards apply to ensure that the standards are appropriate.

32       **Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2804-B, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1997, c.  
395, Pt. O, §3, is further amended to read:

34       **3. Certification.** The board shall certify each person who  
36 meets the preservice training standards as eligible to serve as a  
38 law enforcement officer with the power to make arrests and the  
40 authority to carry a firearm in the course of duty, ~~subject to~~  
42 ~~annual recertification training as prescribed by the board.~~  
44 Thereafter, as a condition of continued service as a law  
46 enforcement officer, the officer must satisfactorily maintain the  
48 preservice certification by meeting board standards for annual  
certification.

34       **Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2804-B, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1993, c.  
551, §1, is further amended to read:

36       **7. Roster.** ~~The board shall certify law enforcement~~  
38 ~~officers who successfully complete preservice law enforcement~~  
40 ~~training as reserve or part-time law enforcement officers.~~  
42 ~~Thereafter, as a condition of continued service as a reserve or~~  
44 ~~part-time law enforcement officer, the officer must~~  
46 ~~satisfactorily maintain the preservice certification.~~ The board  
shall maintain a roster of all currently certified ~~reserve or~~  
part-time law enforcement officers. The roster must be available  
for inspection by the public at the academy during regular  
working hours.

48       **Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §2804-C, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c.  
395, Pt. O, §4, is further amended to read:

