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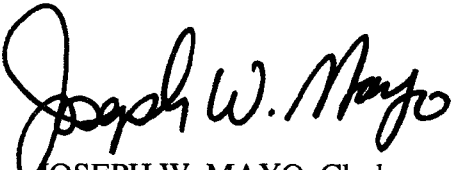
House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

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**An Act to Give the Commissioner of Public Safety Law Enforcement Powers.**

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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.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: McALEVEY of Waterboro, QUINT of Portland, Senator:  
MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2901-A**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 579, §11,  
is amended to read:

6 **§2901-A. Duties of commissioner**

8 The commissioner ~~shall be~~ is the chief executive officer of  
10 the Department of Public Safety. He ~~The commissioner~~ shall  
coordinate and supervise the activities and programs of the  
12 bureaus and agency ~~which that~~ are part of the department;  
undertake comprehensive planning and analysis with respect to the  
14 functions and responsibilities of the department; ~~and~~ develop and  
implement, whenever necessary, procedures and practices to  
16 promote economy and coordination within the department; and  
actively seek cooperation between the department and all other  
law enforcement officers and agencies in the State. From time to  
18 time, ~~he the commissioner~~ shall recommend to the Governor and  
Legislature ~~such~~ changes in the laws relating to the  
20 organization, functions, services or procedures of the agency and  
bureaus of the department as ~~he--shall--deem~~ the commissioner  
22 considers desirable. The commissioner shall prepare a budget for  
the department.

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26 A commissioner who has completed the basic training course  
or for whom the basic training course has been waived because of  
equivalent training and who is certified by the Board of Trustees  
28 of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy pursuant to section 2804-C  
has the same powers throughout the several counties of this State  
30 as sheriffs have in their respective counties to investigate and  
prosecute violations, to execute warrants, to serve process and  
32 to arrest offenders.

34 **SUMMARY**

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38 This bill amends the duties of the Commissioner of Public  
Safety to allow a commissioner who has completed the basic law  
40 enforcement training course and who is certified by the Board of  
Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to enforce the  
laws of the State. The bill also makes minor technical changes.  
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