

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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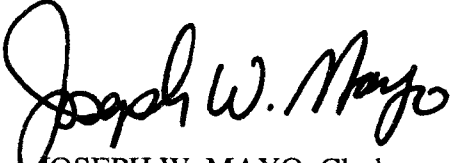
H.P. 578

House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

**An Act to Require Municipal Police Departments to Assist When Called  
Upon by the State Police on the Interstate Highways under Certain  
Circumstances.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FRECHETTE of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, COLWELL of Gardiner, GAGNON of  
Waterville, GOODWIN of Pembroke, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, TESSIER of Fairfield.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2671, sub-§2, ¶F,** as amended by PL 1989, c.  
104, Pt. A, §23 and Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

6 F. As provided for in ~~section~~ sections 2674 and 2674-A.

8 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2674-A** is enacted to read:

10 **§2674-A. Aid to the State Police**

12 **1. Duty to respond to interstate highway cases.** Municipal  
14 **police officers shall respond to and provide assistance to the**  
**State Police when the State Police request assistance in**  
16 **circumstances when the public safety is threatened on the**  
**interstate highway system.**

18 **2. Scope.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, municipal police  
20 **officers may respond to and provide assistance to the State**  
**Police in any case, but have a duty to respond only to those**  
22 **cases in which the incident is on a section of interstate highway**  
**in the municipality's jurisdiction.**

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires municipal police officers to respond to  
28 requests for assistance from the State Police when public safety  
30 is in danger on those sections of the interstate highway system  
that are in the municipality's jurisdiction.