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No. 1743

S.P. 570

In Senate, March 22, 2001

An Act to Establish a Cold Case Homicide Squad.

Reported by Senator McAlevey for the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice
pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 452.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1505-A is enacted to read:

§1505-A. Cold case homicide squad

1. Squad established. The Department of Public Safety shall establish a cold case homicide squad, referred to in this section as the "squad." The purpose of the squad is to work exclusively on unsolved murders in the State.

2. Report and sunset. The Department of Public Safety shall dissolve the squad by October 30, 2004 unless directed by the Legislature to continue the squad. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters by January 1, 2004 evaluating the success of the squad and making recommendations on continuation of the squad.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
State Police		
Positions - Legislative Count	(3,000)	(3,000)
Personal Services	\$58,812	\$79,217
All Other	18,471	15,333
Capital Expenditures	31,200	
Appropriates funds for the General Fund share of 3 additional State Police Detective positions and operating costs necessary to establish a cold case homicide squad.		
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY		
TOTAL	<u>\$108,483</u>	<u>\$94,553</u>

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
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2 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

4 **State Police**

6	Personal Services	\$88,219	\$118,825
	All Other	27,707	23,000
8	Capital Expenditures	46,800	

10 Allocates funds for the
11 Highway Fund share of 3
12 additional State Police
13 Detective positions and
14 operating costs necessary to
15 establish a cold case
16 homicide squad.

18	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY		
	TOTAL	<u>\$162,726</u>	<u>\$141,825</u>

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SUMMARY

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25 This bill establishes a cold case homicide squad within the
26 Department of Public Safety. The bill terminates the squad on
27 October 30, 2004 unless the squad is continued by the
28 Legislature. The bill requires the Department of Public Safety
29 to provide a report to the joint standing committee of the
30 Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters by
31 January 1, 2004 evaluating the success of the cold case homicide
32 squad and making recommendations on continuation of the squad.
33 The bill includes an appropriation and an allocation to fund 3
34 state police detective positions for the cold case homicide squad.