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No. 1095

S.P. 367

In Senate, March 4, 2003

An Act Relating to Motorcycle Safety

Reference to the Committee on Transportation 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 PENDLETON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GERZOFSKY of Brunswick and
Senators: HATCH of Somerset, SAVAGE of Knox, Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham,
MARLEY of Portland, McNEIL of Rockland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §105, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

6 5. **Motorcycles.** A law enforcement officer may not engage
8 in a high-speed chase of the operator of a motorcycle unless that
10 officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that
12 a murder or a Class A, B or C crime has been committed or is
14 being committed or other means of stopping the operator are not
16 available.

12 SUMMARY

14 This bill provides that a law enforcement officer may not
16 engage in a high-speed chase of the operator of a motorcycle
18 unless that officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion to
20 believe that a murder or a Class A, B or C crime has been
committed or is being committed or other means of stopping the
operator are not available.