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House of Representatives, March 25, 2003

An Act To Ensure Basic Standards for Death Investigations by Law Enforcement Agencies

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶¶G and H, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 744, §5, are amended to read:

- G. Citizen complaints of police misconduct; and
- H. Criminal conduct engaged in by law enforcement officers; and

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. Death investigations, including at a minimum the protocol of the Department of the Attorney General regarding such investigations.

SUMMARY

This bill requires law enforcement agencies to adopt a written policy to deal with death investigations, including the minimum standard protocol for death investigations published by the Department of the Attorney General.