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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Provide Reciprocal Authority to New Hampshire Marine  
Patrol Officers To Investigate Potential Terrorist Activities in Maine  
Waters**

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Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 16, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAMON of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6025-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§6025-A. New Hampshire marine patrol**

8 A member of the New Hampshire marine patrol who, in the  
10 course of patrolling the waters of the Piscataqua River or  
12 Portsmouth Harbor, observes activity that the officer reasonably  
14 suspects may result in loss of life, widespread injury or  
16 widespread and severe property damage has authority to enter  
18 Maine and has the same authority to investigate, detain and  
execute an arrest as a Maine marine patrol officer. When a  
member of the New Hampshire marine patrol is engaged in Maine in  
carrying out the purpose of this subsection, that member has all  
the same privileges as Maine marine patrol officers in addition  
to privileges available under New Hampshire law.

20 **Sec. 2. Contingent effective date; reciprocal legislation.** This Act  
22 takes effect when the Maine Commissioner of Marine Resources  
24 certifies to the Secretary of State and submits a copy of that  
26 certification to the Office of the Revisor of Statutes that the  
State of New Hampshire has enacted law that is substantially the  
same as the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6025-A as  
enacted in this Act and gives reciprocal authority to Maine  
marine patrol officers.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill gives New Hampshire marine patrol officers the  
32 authority to investigate potential terrorist activities in Maine  
34 waters in the Piscataqua River or Portsmouth Harbor. This bill  
36 takes effect when reciprocal authority is granted to the Maine  
marine patrol officers, in order that they may investigate  
potential terrorist activities in New Hampshire waters.