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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 66, L.D. 68, Bill, "An Act To Provide a Reward for Information Regarding the Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 2 MRSA c. 7 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 7

**REWARD FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE MURDER OF A
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

§121. Reward for information regarding the murder of a law enforcement officer

When there is reasonable cause to believe that a law enforcement officer has been murdered in the performance of the officer's official duties or there is reasonable cause to believe that a law enforcement officer has been murdered as a consequence of the officer's official duties, the Governor shall, upon application in writing by the Attorney General or the district attorney for the county in which the alleged crime was committed, offer a reward of \$25,000 for evidence that leads directly to the conviction of the murderer under Title 17-A, section 201 or 202. Upon satisfactory proof that the terms of the reward offer have been complied with, the Governor shall draw a warrant upon the Treasurer of State for the payment of the reward.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment retains the \$25,000 reward for information that leads directly to a conviction for the murder of a law enforcement officer when there is reasonable cause to believe that the law enforcement officer has been murdered, but in the amendment the officer must have been murdered while in the performance of the officer's official duties or as a consequence of the officer's official duties. In such a case, the Governor shall, upon application in writing by the Attorney

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1 General or the district attorney for the county in which the alleged crime was committed,
2 offer a reward of \$25,000 for evidence that leads directly to the conviction of the
3 murderer under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 201 or 202. Upon
4 satisfactory proof that the terms of the reward offer have been complied with, the
5 Governor shall draw a warrant upon the Treasurer of State for the payment of the reward.
6 The amendment also moves this process from Title 17-A, the Maine Criminal Code, to
7 Title 2, which deals with the powers and duties of the Governor.

8 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
9 (See attached)



Approved: 12/13/07 *MAC*

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LD 68

LR 721(04)

An Act To Provide a Reward for Information Regarding the Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B"
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The expense to the Governor's office for making any reward payments cannot be determined because it is not known if or when such a payment might be needed. However, given the low probability that any payments will be needed in the next biennium, no appropriation is made for this purpose at this time. If and when a payment is needed the Governor will need to come back to the Legislature for funding. The minor cost associated with applying to the Governor for a reward to be made available can be absorbed by the Attorney General.