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An Act To Amend the Authority of a Motor Vehicle Investigator

Submitted by the Secretary of State 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 HANLEY of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BURNS of Berwick, DUPREY of Hampden,
GERZOFKY of Brunswick, MAZUREK of Rockland, PINGREE of North Haven,
VAUGHAN of Durham, Senator: SAVAGE of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §152, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 361, §4, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Deputize agents, examiners and investigators.** Appoint and deputize agents,
5 examiners and motor vehicle investigators, stationed at convenient places, to receive
6 applications for registration and licenses for the operation of vehicles, to conduct
7 examinations and to perform assigned duties.

8 ~~A motor vehicle investigator may enforce section 254, chapters 5, 7, 9 and 11, section~~
9 ~~1754, chapter 15, subchapters II and III, chapter 19, subchapter II, chapter 23, subchapter~~
10 ~~III and those provisions of Title 17-A that relate to duties assigned under this Title with~~
11 ~~the powers throughout the State that a sheriff has in a county. Enforcement power does~~
12 ~~not include provisions under section 2054, subsection 2, paragraph D and does not~~
13 ~~include authority to make routine motor vehicle stops;~~

14 A motor vehicle investigator has the powers and duty to enforce all provisions of this
15 Title and Title 17-A and all the laws of the State with the same powers that a sheriff has
16 in a county. A motor vehicle investigator is at all times subject to all other investigatory
17 duties assigned by the Secretary of State.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill clarifies the powers of and provides full law enforcement authority to
20 certified law enforcement officers working for the Secretary of State.