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### **An Act To Provide County Commissioners with an Enforcement Mechanism with Regard to Parking Ordinances**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government 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 DOW of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative McKANE of Newcastle and  
Representative: PIEH of Bremen.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §121, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 733, §10, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **4. Parking areas.** The county commissioners may lay out parking areas on county  
5 lands near county buildings and may enact ordinances for the reasonable use of those  
6 areas and enforce them by suitable penalties. Any violation of these ordinances is a civil  
7 violation.

8 The county commissioners may authorize a sheriff's deputy, certified by the Maine  
9 Criminal Justice Academy under Title 25, section 2803-A, subsection 8, to represent the  
10 county in District Court in the prosecution of alleged violations of unpaid penalties  
11 pursuant to an ordinance enacted under this subsection. The county commissioners may  
12 delegate to the county's sheriff their power under this subsection to authorize sheriff's  
13 deputies to represent the county.

14 County public parking areas are subject to any applicable requirements of the Maine  
15 Human Rights Act, Title 5, chapter 337, subchapter ~~Ψ~~ 5.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill provides the same enforcement authority for sheriff's deputies as presently  
18 exists for municipal law enforcement officers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-  
19 A, section 2671, subsection 3, thereby providing the county commissioners with an  
20 enforcement mechanism with regard to the parking ordinances they are allowed to enact  
21 under Title 30-A, section 121.