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L.D. 1672

Date: 1-3-08

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “**B**” to S.P. 577, L.D. 1672, Bill, “An Act Relating to Retirement and Death Benefits for Certain Law Enforcement Officers”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**‘An Act Relating to Death Benefits for Certain Law Enforcement Officers’**

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

**‘Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1611, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. XXX, §1, is further amended to read:

**5. Law enforcement officer or officer.** "Law enforcement officer" or "officer" means an active state police officer, municipal police officer, county sheriff, deputy sheriff, game warden, an employee of the Office of the State Fire Marshal who has law enforcement powers pursuant to section 2396, subsection 7, fire marshal, state judicial marshal or state judicial deputy marshal, ~~liquor enforcement officer~~ forest ranger, Baxter State Park ranger, a detective employed by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Title 5, section 202, a person employed by the Department of Corrections as an investigative officer as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 10-A, a juvenile community corrections officer as described in Title 34-A, section 5602, a probation officer, a security officer appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to Title 25, section 2908, a motor vehicle investigator appointed by the Secretary of State pursuant to Title 29-A, section 152 or marine patrol officer in this State.’

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill but preserves an altered version of that portion of the bill relating to death benefits for certain law enforcement officers.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**10/18**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 577, L.D. 1672

1 Under current law, a state benefit of \$50,000 is paid to the family of an eligible law  
2 enforcement officer who has died in the line of duty. Funding for the benefit comes from  
3 the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

4 This amendment expands the list of eligible law enforcement officers to include  
5 forest rangers, Baxter State Park rangers, detectives employed by the Office of the  
6 Attorney General, investigative officers employed by the Department of Corrections,  
7 juvenile community corrections officers, probation officers, certain security officers  
8 appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety and motor vehicle investigators  
9 appointed by the Secretary of State. This amendment also removes an obsolete reference  
10 to liquor enforcement officers.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1672

LR 69(05)

## An Act Relating to Retirement and Death Benefits for Certain Law Enforcement Officers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B "

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Budget Stabilization Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expanding the list of eligible law enforcement officers whose family would be eligible to receive a one-time State benefit of \$50,000 in the event the officer dies in the line of duty to include forest rangers, Baxter State Park Rangers, detectives employed by the Office of the Attorney General, investigative officers employed by the Department of Corrections, juvenile community corrections officers, probation officers, Capitol security officers appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety, and motor vehicle investigators appointed by the Secretary of State will increase the potential impact to the Budget Stabilization Fund. The cost can not be determined at this time. However, given that there has been only one occurrence in which this benefit has been paid since this provision was enacted in September of 2001, the impact to the Budget Stabilization Fund is not expected to be significant.