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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1402, L.D. 1900, Bill, "An Act To Support Members of the Law Enforcement Community as a Result of Medical Need or Unusual Hardship"

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

**'An Act To Support Members of the Law Enforcement Community Who Have Suffered a Catastrophic Illness'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** allowing law enforcement officers to solicit funds from within the entire law enforcement community will provide urgently needed resources to support law enforcement officers or their family members with serious medical needs; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §3702-C, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 633, §4, is amended to read:

**1. Limited solicitation.** A law enforcement agency or association may solicit property from the general public, a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency or a law enforcement association for the tangible benefit of a law enforcement officer, or an immediate family member of a law enforcement officer, suffering from a catastrophic illness by hosting fundraising events or by written solicitation.

A. A law enforcement agency or association may host ticketed fundraising events that are open to the public as long as the events are advertised only through public

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announcements and tickets are available for purchase only from a designated public benefit corporation.

B. A law enforcement agency or association may make general public solicitations for donations through public announcements or paid advertisements as long as all donations are directed to be sent to a designated public benefit corporation. Solicitations may not be sent directly to potential donors by mail or any other direct means.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. Current law allows a law enforcement agency or association to solicit property from the general public for the benefit of a law enforcement officer, or an immediate family member of a law enforcement officer, suffering from a catastrophic illness. This amendment also allows a law enforcement agency or association to solicit property from a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency or a law enforcement association for the benefit of a law enforcement officer, or an immediate family member of a law enforcement officer, suffering from a catastrophic illness. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.