

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2015

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Legislative Document

No. 1121

S.P. 393

In Senate, March 26, 2015

**An Act To Fund the Cold Case Homicide Unit in the Department of  
the Attorney General**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VALENTINO of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: STANLEY of Medway, WARD of Dedham, Representative HOBBS of Saco and

Senators: BURNS of Washington, DIAMOND of Cumberland, JOHNSON of Lincoln, LIBBY of Androscoggin, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, JORGENSEN of Portland, SANBORN of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. PL 2013, c. 585, §§3 and 4** are repealed

3 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
4 allocations are made.

5 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

6 **State Police 0291**

7 Initiative: Provides funding for 2 State Police Detective positions and one Forensic  
8 Chemist position and related All Other costs to establish a cold case homicide unit.

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10	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
11	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	3.000
12	Personal Services	\$0	\$243,648
13	All Other	\$0	\$88,372
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15	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$332,020

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17	<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
18	Personal Services	\$0	\$131,194
19	All Other	\$0	\$47,585
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21	<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$178,779

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill repeals the requirement that the Commissioner of Public Safety and the  
24 Attorney General pursue federal funding to establish a cold case homicide unit. The bill  
25 also repeals the provision of law that makes establishment of a cold case homicide unit  
26 contingent upon availability of federal funding. The provision of law directing the  
27 Attorney General in collaboration with the Commissioner of Public Safety to establish a  
28 cold case homicide unit is not repealed. The bill provides funding for the fiscal year  
29 2016-17.