

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1050

House of Representatives, April 25, 2017

**An Act To Provide Funds for Access to Federal Training Facilities
for First Responders**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CASÁS of Rockport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, TUELL of East Machias.

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

3 **Whereas,** Maine driver's licenses are no longer acceptable proof for admission to
4 federal facilities outside the State; and

5 **Whereas,** first responders who are Maine residents are unable to access federal
6 facilities for training purposes; and

7 **Whereas,** this inability to get training places lives and property at serious risk; and

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

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

13 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
14 allocations are made.

15 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**
16 **Administration - Public Safety 0088**

17 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for passport cards to allow first responders to access
18 federal facilities for training purposes.

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND			
All Other	\$10,500	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$10,500 in fiscal year
28 2016-17 to the Department of Public Safety for passport cards to allow first responders to
29 access federal facilities in order to receive training.