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House of Representatives, December 15, 2017

An Act To Waive the Fee for Attendance at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Former Military Police Officers

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 13, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2804-C, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Fee waiver for veterans of the United States Armed Forces who served as**
4 **military police officers.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a fee may
5 not be charged for the course required by this section if the person:

6 A. Is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces who served
7 as a military police officer and has been hired for or received a conditional offer of
8 full-time employment as a law enforcement officer;

9 B. Has been certified by the board as satisfying all preservice training requirements
10 under section 2804-B; and

11 C. Is a graduate of a formal United States Armed Forces police academy or training
12 program and was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention or
13 detection of any violation of law or investigation, prosecution or incarceration of any
14 person for any violation of law and had statutory powers of arrest or apprehension
15 under the United States Uniform Code of Military Justice or successor military
16 judicial code and meets the following criteria:

17 (1) Has 5 years' supervisory experience in military law enforcement in a military
18 pay grade of at least E-5 or its equivalent; or

19 (2) Has 3 years' active service experience in military law enforcement and has
20 completed an associate degree or higher in criminal justice from an accredited
21 postsecondary educational institution.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill provides a waiver of the fee charged for the basic training course at the
24 Maine Criminal Justice Academy for honorably discharged veterans of the United States
25 Armed Forces who served as military police officers and who have been hired for or have
26 received conditional offers of full-time employment as law enforcement officers if the
27 veterans' military experience and education meet certain criteria.