

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 320

In Senate, March 5, 2019

### An Act Regarding the Maine Law Enforcement Memorial

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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth and  
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, HERBIG of Waldo, MOORE of  
Washington, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: COREY of Windham, PICKETT of  
Dixfield, RECKITT of South Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2917** is enacted to read:

3 **§2917. Eligibility for law enforcement memorial**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Killed in the line of duty" means died as a direct and proximate result of a  
7 personal injury sustained while undertaking any action that the deceased law  
8 enforcement officer was obligated or authorized to perform by law, rule, regulation or  
9 written condition of employment as a law enforcement officer or for which the law  
10 enforcement officer was compensated by the public entity employing the law  
11 enforcement officer.

12 B. "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in Title 29-A, section 101,  
13 subsection 30.

14 **2. Eligibility.** A deceased law enforcement officer's name is eligible to be included  
15 on the law enforcement memorial located at the State Capitol complex if:

16 A. The law enforcement officer was killed in the line of duty and at the time of death  
17 was a resident of the State or employed as a law enforcement officer in the State; and

18 B. The law enforcement officer's:

19 (1) Name is approved for inclusion in the National Law Enforcement Officers  
20 Memorial in Washington, D.C.; or

21 (2) Death meets the criteria for benefits under section 1612.

22 **3. Application process.** Upon application, the commissioner shall add a name of a  
23 law enforcement officer eligible under subsection 2 to the law enforcement memorial  
24 located at the State Capitol complex. An application under this subsection must include a  
25 letter detailing the correct spelling of the law enforcement officer's name and official  
26 documentation that the requirement of subsection 2, paragraph B, subparagraph (1) or (2)  
27 has been met.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to add to the list of names on the  
30 law enforcement memorial located at the State Capitol complex the name of a law  
31 enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty, who at the time of death was a  
32 resident of the State or employed in the State as a law enforcement officer and whose  
33 name is approved for inclusion on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial or  
34 whose death meets the criteria for line-of-duty death benefits.