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**An Act To Dedicate Sections of Maine's Interstate Highway System
to Fallen State Troopers**

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 22, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, FARRIN of Somerset, Representative: WHITE of Waterville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1952** is enacted to read:

3 **§1952. Fallen State Trooper Dedication Program**

4 The Fallen State Trooper Dedication Program is established. The Department of
5 Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority shall designate one mile of the Interstate
6 95 highway system to a state police officer who dies in the performance of that officer's
7 duty within one year of the death. The one-mile section must be located as close as possible
8 to the site of the officer's death, and the department or the authority shall post and maintain
9 appropriate signs on both the northbound and southbound sides of the highway.

10 The Maine State Police shall notify the Department of Transportation and the Maine
11 Turnpike Authority of a deceased state police officer who is eligible for designation under
12 this section.

13 **Sec. 2. Fallen State Trooper Dedication Program.** Notwithstanding the Maine
14 Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1952, the Maine State Police shall notify the Department
15 of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority of the identity of any state police
16 officer who died in the performance of that officer's duty before the effective date of this
17 Act and who is eligible for the Fallen State Trooper Dedication Program established under
18 that section, and the department and the authority shall designate one mile of the Interstate
19 95 highway system to that officer required under that program.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill establishes the Fallen State Trooper Dedication Program, which requires the
22 Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority to designate and place
23 appropriate signs on one mile of the Interstate 95 highway system for each state police
24 officer who died in the performance of that officer's duty.