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In Senate, January 3, 2024

An Act to Maintain State Police Rural Patrol Services at 2020 Staffing Levels

(EMERGENCY)

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

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4 5	Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to address as soon as possible the potential public safety issues presented by the reduction of rural patrols by the Maine State Police; and
6 7 8 9	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
10	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
11	Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1512 is enacted to read:
12	§1512. Rural patrol levels maintained
13 14	The Bureau of State Police shall maintain rural patrol services in all counties of the State at no less than 2020 staffing levels.
15 16	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
17	SUMMARY
18 19	This bill directs the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to maintain rural patrol services in all counties of the State at no less than 2020 staffing levels.