

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

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AN ACT Providing for the Enlistment of Members of the  
State Highway Police.

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

Section one hundred and twenty-two of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sec. 122. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a chief of the state highway police, to serve during their pleasure. The chief shall be the executive head of the state highway police and shall execute the duties of his office under the direction and subject to the approval of the governor and council. The chief of the state highway police may enlist suitable persons as members of the state highway police to enforce the provisions of this act, who shall enlist for a period of three years: (a) during the first six months of the first enlistment a member will be on probation and may be summarily discharged by the chief without hearing; (b) a qualified and accepted recruit will take the oath to be prescribed by regulations of the department and such oath shall be set out in the enlistment paper. Each accepted recruit shall sign such paper and expressly agree to abide by and be subject to all the conditions and obligations therein set

forth; (c) after the first six months of the first enlistment period members may be discharged only after trial before a trial court to be designated by the chief of the said state highway police; (d) members may be discharged on their own request if deemed consistent with the good of the service by the chief; (e) voluntary withdrawal from the force during the term of enlistment or reenlistment without the consent of the chief shall constitute a misdemeanor; (f) the chief shall make rules and regulations subject to the approval of the governor and council for the discipline and control of members of the state highway police and for the examination and qualification of applicants for enlistment therein and violation of any rules and regulations, approved as aforesaid, by any member of the state highway police shall constitute a misdemeanor. Subject to the approval of the governor and council, the chief may designate a member of the state highway police to act as his deputy.'