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square inches, and no licensee shall may display more than one such sign from within any one window.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 56

H.P. 467 - L.D. 616

AN ACT Pertaining to Law Enforcement Officers and Public Office Holding.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1503 is amended to read:

§1503. Uniform and equipment

Members of the State Police shall be provided at the expense of the State with a distinctive uniform and badge, and with suitable equipment, all of which shall remain the property of the State. When on duty to enforce the laws of the road, and at such other times as the chief may require, state policemen shall be in uniform. They shall held no other effice during their term of service. It shall be unlawful for any person to wear the prescribed uniform or badge of the State Police or any distinctive part thereof, except on order of the Chief of said the State Police.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA c. 403, first 2 lines are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

CHAPTER 403

SOLICITATION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

SUBCHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA c. 403, sub-c. II is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER II

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDING

§3711. No solicitation while dressed in uniform

No law enforcement officer, as defined in section 3701, may solicit funds or anything of value in the furtherance of any campaign for public office while he is dressed in uniform or while wearing the badge of the law enforcement agency that employs him.

§3712. No solicitation by law enforcement officers

No law enforcement officer, as defined in section 3701, may solicit funds or anything of value for the furtherance of his campaign for a nonpartisan public office. Nothing in this subchapter may be construed to prohibit any other person from soliciting money for the campaign of a law enforcement officer for nonpartisan office.

- §3713. Prohibited activities of law enforcement officers for public office
- 1. Use of authority. No law enforcement officer, as defined in section 3701, may use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election or nomination for public office.
- 2. Coercion of contributions. No law enforcement officer, as defined in section 3701, or any other person representing a law enforcement officer may directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce or command any person to pay, lend or contribute anything of value for the furtherance of a campaign by a law enforcement officer for public office.

§3714. Penalty

Any person found to be in violation of this subchapter is guilty of a Class E crime.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 57

S.P. 357 - L.D. 938

AN ACT Concerning the Licensing of Victuallers, Innkeepers and Tavernkeepers.