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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 2 MRSA c. 7** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 7

REWARD FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE MURDER OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

§ 121. Reward for information regarding the murder of a law enforcement officer

When there is reasonable cause to believe that a law enforcement officer has been murdered while the officer is in the performance of the officer's official duties, the Governor shall, upon application in writing by the Attorney General or the district attorney for the county in which the alleged crime was committed, offer a reward of \$25,000 for evidence that leads directly to the conviction of the murderer under Title 17-A, sections 201 or 202. Upon satisfactory proof that the terms of the reward offer have been complied with, the Governor shall draw a warrant upon the Treasurer of State for the payment of the reward.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment retains the \$25,000 reward for information that leads directly to a conviction for the murder of a law enforcement officer when there is reasonable cause to believe that the law enforcement officer has been murdered, but in the amendment the officer must have been murdered while in the performance of the officer’s official duties. In such a case, the Governor shall, upon application in writing by the Attorney General or the district attorney for the county in which the alleged crime was committed, offer a reward of \$25,000 for evidence that leads directly to the conviction of the murderer under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, sections 201 or 202. Upon satisfactory proof that the terms of the reward offer have been complied with, the Governor shall draw a warrant upon the Treasurer of State for the payment of the reward. The amendment also moves this process from Title 17-A, the Maine Criminal Code, to Title 2, which deals with the powers and duties of the Governor.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)