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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 306, L.D. 477, “An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Rural Counties by Providing State Police Patrol and Policing Services”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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

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,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)