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**An Act To Create a Cold Case Homicide Unit in the Department of
the Attorney General**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, CHIPMAN of Portland, DILL of Old Town,
EVANGELOS of Friendship, MAKER of Calais, SHORT of Pittsfield, Senators:
LACHOWICZ of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §200-J** is enacted to read:

3 **§200-J. Cold case homicide unit**

4 The Attorney General in collaboration with the Commissioner of Public Safety shall
5 establish a cold case homicide unit within the Department of the Attorney General to
6 work exclusively on unsolved murders in the State. The unit must consist of personnel
7 from the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety,
8 Bureau of State Police and must include at a minimum one attorney from the Department
9 of the Attorney General, 2 detectives from the Bureau of State Police and one employee
10 of the bureau's crime laboratory. The Attorney General shall adopt rules for the operation
11 of the unit. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in
12 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1505-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. XXXX, §1, is
14 repealed.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill directs the Attorney General in collaboration with the Commissioner of
17 Public Safety to establish a cold case homicide unit within the Department of the
18 Attorney General to work exclusively on unsolved murders in the State.