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In Senate, March 3, 2015

An Act To Amend the Military Bureau Laws

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and
Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of
Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, SCHNECK of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §5828** is enacted to read:

3 **§5828. Maine Army National Guard counter-drug activities**

4 The Maine Army National Guard may receive forfeited money and assets seized
5 through federal, state or other counter-drug activities in which members of the Maine
6 Army National Guard participate. The Maine Army National Guard must use money or
7 assets acquired pursuant to this section in support of counter-drug activities. For
8 purposes of this section, "counter-drug activities" means activities that are intended to
9 reduce the supply or use of illegal drugs in the State.

10 **Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §159** is enacted to read:

11 **§159. Confidentiality of records**

12 Records of the Military Bureau may not be disclosed to the public unless disclosure is
13 permitted under the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 United States Code, Section
14 552.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides that records of the Department of Defense, Veterans and
17 Emergency Management, Military Bureau may not be disclosed to the public. It provides
18 that the Maine Army National Guard may receive seized money and assets for counter-
19 drug activities.