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In Senate, February 25, 2025

**An Act to Authorize Department of the Secretary of State Law  
Enforcement Officers to Initiate a Libel Proceeding Regarding  
Catalytic Converters**

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Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 20, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶T**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 597, §2, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 T. A marine patrol officer who is not an attorney but is representing the Department  
5 of Marine Resources in a libel proceeding before a District Court under Title 12, section  
6 6207; ~~or~~

7 **Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶U**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 597, §3, is amended  
8 to read:

9 U. Practice, pursuant to a rule of the Supreme Judicial Court, by a law student enrolled  
10 in a law school accredited by the American Bar Association; or

11 **Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶V** is enacted to read:

12 V. A sworn law enforcement officer who is employed by the Department of the  
13 Secretary of State who is not an attorney but is representing the State in a libel action  
14 brought pursuant to Title 29-A, section 1113, subsection 15.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill exempts a sworn law enforcement officer employed by the Department of the  
17 Secretary of State who is not an attorney but is representing the State in a libel action related  
18 to seized catalytic converters brought pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A,  
19 section 1113, subsection 15 from the prohibition on the unauthorized practice of law.