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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 301, L.D. 417, “An Act To Protect Maine’s Drivers from Pretextual Traffic Stops”

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

**'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA c. 261** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 261**

**TRAFFIC STOPS**

**§2231. Traffic stops**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 17.

B. "Pretextual traffic stop" means a traffic stop that is made by a law enforcement officer with the sole intent of investigating potential criminal activity other than a violation of Title 29-A, chapter 5, 15, 17 or 19 and for which the law enforcement officer does not at the time of the stop have an articulable suspicion.

C. "Traffic stop" means a stop of a motor vehicle pursuant to Title 29-A, chapter 5, 15, 17 or 19.

**2. Pretextual traffic stops prohibited.** A law enforcement officer may not engage in the practice of making pretextual traffic stops.

**3. Relationship to original purpose.** Except as provided in subsection 5, all conduct of and questions asked by a law enforcement officer during and pursuant to a traffic stop must be reasonably related to the original purpose for which the officer stopped the motor vehicle.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

