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**Statement in opposition to**

**L.D. 1187, An Act to Require Certain Mental Health Data to Be Included in Uniform Crime Reports**

**Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**April 7, 2025**

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and honorable members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. My name is Jason Moen. I am the Chief of the Auburn Police Department, and President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association in opposition to LD 1187.

The mission of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association is to secure a closer official and personal relationship among Maine Police Officials; to secure a unity of action in law enforcement matters; to enhance the standards of police personnel, police training and police professionalism generally; to devise ways and means for equality of law enforcement throughout the state of Maine; to advance the prevention and detection of crime; to prescribe to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics; and to promote the profession of law enforcement as an integral and dedicated force in today's society sworn to the protection of life and property.

Under Maine's Uniform Crime Reporting statute, law enforcement agencies statewide must submit crime reports to the State Bureau of Identification (SBI). SBI compiles and correlates the information, and submits Crime in Maine, a comprehensive report, annually to the Governor and the Legislature, as well as to the participating law enforcement units.

Currently, SBI is required to collect information from law enforcement agencies in the following categories:

- abuse by adults of family or household members;
- cruelty to animals;
- crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or ethnicity; and

- unintentional and intentional firearm discharges that are supplementary to its other reported information.

This legislation proposes adding an additional category of mental health referrals made pursuant to the extreme risk protection orders and the number of individuals who received services pursuant to those referrals. This information is not in possession of law enforcement agencies, and we are unsure how law enforcement would acquire this information. Although this proposal is well intended, pursuing this data, collecting it accurately, and providing that information uniformly to the SBI would be difficult and potentially beyond the grasp of law enforcement when considering healthcare privacy laws at the federal and state levels.

If this bill were to advance, it would require significant and very costly modifications to records management systems within every law enforcement agency in the state saddling these agencies with an unfunded mandate.

For these reasons, the Maine Chiefs of Police Association opposes the passage of LD 1187. We respectfully ask members of the Committee to vote Ought Not to Pass.