



# Maine Sheriffs' Association

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**L.D. 2054 – An Act to Exclude Certain Operating Under the Influence Crimes from the Immunity Provisions That Are Triggered When Law Enforcement Is Called for a Suspected Overdose**

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety,

My name is Dale Lancaster. I am the Sheriff of Somerset County and President of the Maine Sheriffs' Association. **L.D. 2054 – An Act to Exclude Certain Operating Under the Influence Crimes from the Immunity Provisions That Are Triggered When Law Enforcement Is Called for a Suspected Overdose** has unanimous support of our Association's legislative policy committee.

Maine's sixteen sheriffs represent over five hundred and sixty years of combined law enforcement service. Each of us has been voted into office to serve as the highest-ranking county law enforcement officer. When a bill comes out of our LPC with a unanimous vote, that's a strong indication that the bill makes good sense.

We want to thank the bill's sponsor, Representative Hasenfus, and co-sponsor, Representative Crafts, for their role in bringing this bill forward. Additionally, we recognize and appreciate the Maine Prosecutors' Association for identifying the need for this language and bringing in the sheriffs and other law enforcement entities to support.

On behalf of Maine county law enforcement, we strongly urge members of this committee to vote unanimously in support of LD 2054. I would be pleased to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster, President  
Maine Sheriffs' Association