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L.D. 227 – An Act Regarding Health Care in the State

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, my name is Mary-Anne LaMarre. I have the privilege of representing the Maine Sheriffs Association as their Executive Director. L.D. 227 - An Act Regarding Health Care in the State has unanimous opposition of Maine Sheriffs Association's legislative policy committee.

Your Maine sheriffs believe law enforcement should be completely removed from this bill. This bill has many objectives that are complicated and unrelated to law enforcement. Our collective opposition to this bill is law enforcement related.

In speaking with law enforcement entities around the state, we've been unable to find anyone that was consulted on the language of this bill. We want to urge law makers to please consider contacting your sheriff or the Association to best offer feedback on a bill as it's constructed.

Maine sheriffs urge you to vote to unanimously defeat LD 227 or at best, remove all references of law enforcement. I would be pleased to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Mary-Anne LaMarre
Executive Director
Maine Sheriffs Association