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Testimony of Sen. Bill Diamond introducing
LD 537, “An Act to Dedicate Sections of Maine’s Interstate Highway System to Fallen State Troopers”

Rep. Martin and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, I am Senator Bill Diamond, sponsor of LD 537, “An Act to Dedicate Sections of Maine’s Interstate Highway System to Fallen State Troopers,” along with co-sponsors Sen. Farrin, Rep. Cebra, Rep. White and Sen. Davis.

This is the 100th year of the Maine State Police, which was established in 1921. During that time twelve Maine Troopers have given their lives in the line of duty to protect the citizens of this great state. We owe them our gratitude and we’re obliged to remember them in a way that distinguishes their service.

Many states have established ways to honor their Fallen Troopers and we in Maine should do the same.

Dying in the line of duty, giving their utmost to protect the rest of us, deserves our unbridled appreciation and acknowledgement because of the unselfish manner in which they gave their lives. Losing a loved one is always heart-wrenching to family and friends, but the added grief of having a life taken suddenly in a violent way is even more devastating.

Police officers face danger on a regular basis and we’re thankful that most of the time they return home to their families at the end of their shifts.

After doing my due diligence researching the logistical challenges to implement the purpose and intent of this bill, I realize that there is no doubt some adjustments to the bill may have to be considered. I’m confident that we can find a way to properly recognize these dedicated fallen troopers.

I look forward to working with the Retired Maine Troopers, the MTA, the DOT and this committee as we move forward with this effort.

Thank you.

Senator Bill Diamond