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H.P. 306

House of Representatives, February 11, 2025

**An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Rural Counties by Providing
State Police Patrol and Policing Services**

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison.
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and
Representatives: BUNKER of Farmington, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAY of Palmyra,
FREDETTE of Newport, PARRY of Arundel, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SHAGOURY of
Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **State Police 0291**

6 Initiative: Provides funding for 15 State Trooper positions, 9 State Police Corporal
7 positions and related All Other to enhance public safety in rural counties of the State and
8 to support county sheriff department efforts. Four corporals and 4 troopers would patrol
9 the Northern Field Troop area; one corporal and 3 troopers would patrol Aroostook County;
10 4 troopers and 4 corporals would patrol Somerset and Franklin counties; and 4 troopers
11 would patrol Androscoggin County.

12 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
13 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24,000	24,000
14 Personal Services	\$1,888,351	\$1,948,778
15 All Other	\$78,000	\$78,000
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17 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,966,351</u>	<u>\$2,026,778</u>

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19 HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
20 Personal Services	\$1,016,804	\$1,049,341
21 All Other	\$42,000	\$42,000
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23 HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,058,804</u>	<u>\$1,091,341</u>

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SUMMARY

25 This bill provides funding for 15 State Trooper positions, 9 State Police Corporal
26 positions and related All Other to enhance public safety in rural counties of the State and
27 to support county sheriff department efforts.