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House of Representatives, January 31, 2017

An Act Regarding Law Enforcement Training for Former Military Police Officers

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CASÁS of Rockport, FARRIN of
Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, JOHANSEN of Monticello, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield,
PICKETT of Dixfield, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2804-C, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Application to veterans of the United States Armed Forces who served as**
4 **military police officers.** This section does not apply to a person who is an honorably
5 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces who served as a military police
6 officer and has been hired for or received a conditional offer of full-time employment as a
7 law enforcement officer if the person:

8 A. Has been certified by the board as satisfying all preservice training requirements
9 under section 2804-B;

10 B. Has passed a basic law enforcement training program waiver examination adopted
11 and administered by the board; and

12 C. Is a graduate of a formal United States Armed Forces police academy or training
13 program and was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention or
14 detection of or investigation, prosecution or incarceration of any person for any
15 violation of law and had statutory powers of arrest or apprehension under the United
16 States Uniform Code of Military Justice or successor military judicial code and meets
17 the following military service and education criteria:

18 (1) Has 5 years' supervisory experience in military law enforcement in a military
19 pay grade of at least E-5 or its equivalent; or

20 (2) Has 3 years' active service experience in military law enforcement and has
21 completed an associate degree or higher in criminal justice from an accredited
22 postsecondary educational institution.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill exempts honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces
25 who served as military police officers and have been hired for or have received
26 conditional offers of full-time employment as law enforcement officers from basic law
27 enforcement training by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy if the veterans' military
28 experience and education meet certain criteria.