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## **An Act To Amend the Authority of a Motor Vehicle Investigator**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §152, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 361, §4, is further amended to read:

**2. Deputize agents, examiners and investigators.** Appoint and deputize agents, examiners and motor vehicle investigators, stationed at convenient places, to receive applications for registration and licenses for the operation of vehicles, to conduct examinations and to perform assigned duties.

~~A motor vehicle investigator may enforce section 254, chapters 5, 7, 9 and 11, section 1754, chapter 15, subchapters II and III, chapter 19, subchapter II, chapter 23, subchapter III and those provisions of Title 17-A that relate to duties assigned under this Title with the powers throughout the State that a sheriff has in a county. Enforcement power does not include provisions under section 2054, subsection 2, paragraph D and does not include authority to make routine motor vehicle stops;~~

A motor vehicle investigator has the powers and duty to enforce all provisions of this Title and Title 17-A and all the laws of the State with the same powers that a sheriff has in a county. A motor vehicle investigator is at all times subject to all other investigatory duties assigned by the Secretary of State.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies the powers of and provides full law enforcement authority to certified law enforcement officers working for the Secretary of State.