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House of Representatives, December 23, 2011

### An Act To Establish Veterans Treatment Courts

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 2011. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MALONEY of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, CLARKE of Bath, COTTA of China,  
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MOULTON of York, SARTY of  
Denmark, WEAVER of York.



1 which the defendant is a veteran or member of the United States Armed Forces and to  
2 provide treatment for that defendant.

3 **2. Chief Justice may establish.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court  
4 may establish veterans treatment courts for veterans and members of the United States  
5 Armed Forces.

6 **3. Federal funding.** The State Court Administrator may seek federal funding as it  
7 becomes available on behalf of the Judicial Department for the establishment,  
8 maintenance and expansion of veterans treatment courts.

9 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
10 legislation takes effect when approved.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill authorizes the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to establish  
13 veterans treatment courts. It also authorizes the State Court Administrator to seek federal  
14 funding for these courts.

15 This bill is presented in memory of former Army Ranger Justin Crowley-Smilek of  
16 Farmington, who served his country in Afghanistan.