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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Post of Owl's Head.

Cosponsors: Representative Locke of Sebec and Senator Collins of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Diversify Maine's Participation in the Eastern States Exposition.

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

7 MRSA § 403, as amended by PL 1979, c. 461, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 403. State of Maine Building at Eastern States Exposition

The department shall operate and maintain the State of Maine Building, previously erected upon the Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, Inc., at West Springfield, Massachusetts, for the purpose of exhibiting, publicizing and advertising Maine's products and resources in agriculture, industry, fisheries, forests, wildlife and recreation. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the department shall have complete control and supervision of all exhibits held in such buildings.

From time to time the department shall consult regarding operation and maintenance of the building with, and for any major exhibition shall prior to the exhibition, develop a plan after a public hearing and obtain advice on the proposed use of building space from, the following persons: The Commissioner of Marine Resources; the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Commissioner of Conservation; and the Director of the State Development Office.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the law regulating use of the State of Maine Building at the Eastern States Exposition by:

- 1. Abolishing the Maine Trustees Advisory Board; and
- 2. Requiring the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, which manages the building to consult regarding management and use of the building with the commissioners of the several agencies whose programs relate to the purposes of the building.