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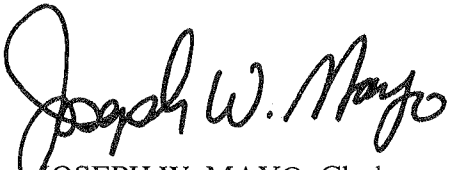
House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

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**An Act to Abolish the Economic Development and Business Assistance  
Coordinating Council.**

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Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROWE of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representative KONTOS of Windham, Senator: HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

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**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 380**, as amended, is repealed.

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**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §929-B, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. MMM, §1, is amended to read:

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**4. Fiscal agent.** The Department of Economic and Community Development and ~~Business Assistance Coordinating Council~~ established ~~in Title 5, section 13001~~, shall serve as the council's fiscal agent providing regular financial reports to the council on funds received and expended and an annual audit. The council shall seek funds and accept gifts, if necessary, to support the council's objectives.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill abolishes the Economic Development and Business Assistance Coordinating Council. The council was created in 1992 but never received state funding. It is no longer necessary in light of the recent establishment of a similar economic development organization and the formation of an economic development strategic plan at the state level.