

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
2000

3. Analyze the patterns of small Maine-owned growth companies and their need for large infusions of capital as they grow, and assess how many of those companies are bought out and whether they continue to operate in the State;

4. Examine options for broadening ownership through employee, consumer and community forms of ownership in firms operating in the State;

5. Study the feasibility of establishing an employee ownership feasibility program and fund to provide grants to employees of businesses in the State to be used for purposes of analyzing the potential for employee ownership;

6. Make recommendations on the eligibility criteria for an employee ownership feasibility program; and

7. Study and make recommendations for an education and outreach program for Maine businesses on employee ownership options; and be it further

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the State Planning Office in the Executive Department shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved: That the members of the commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the commission. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit a final report along with any recommended legislation to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. The final report must be submitted no later than November 15, 2000. If the commission requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

Sec. 8. Commission budget. Resolved: That the chairs of the commission, with assistance from the commission staff, shall administer the commission budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the commission shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The commission may not incur expenses that would result in the commission exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's designee shall provide the

commission chairs and staff with a status report on the commission budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds; and be it further

Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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**Commission to Study
Ownership Patterns in Maine**

Personal Services	\$880
All Other	2,500

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and expenses of other eligible members of the Commission to Study Ownership Patterns in Maine and to print the required report.

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TOTAL	\$3,380
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CHAPTER 137

S.P. 1012 - L.D. 2580

**Resolve, Regarding Access to
Marijuana for Medical Use**

Sec. 1. Task force. Resolved: That the Attorney General shall convene a task force to study implementation of the marijuana for medical purposes law and to recommend steps to implement the law and provide access to marijuana for medical purposes. The task force shall study the marijuana for medical purposes law enacted by the voters in November 1999, methods of providing access to marijuana for medical purposes and other implementation and enforcement issues.

The task force must be broadly representative and must include representatives of the following groups and interests: health care professionals, Legislators, law enforcement, public policy specialists, advocates for the medical use of marijuana and interested members of the public. Legislative members must be appointed as follows:

1. After consultation with the Attorney General, the President of the Senate shall appoint 2 Senators; and

2. After consultation with the Attorney General, the Speaker of the House shall appoint 5 Representatives. When making the appointments, the Speaker shall give preference to members from the following committees: the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice; the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary; and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Task force meetings must be public meetings. By December 1, 2000, the task force shall report its recommendations and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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**Task Force to Study
Implementation of the
Marijuana for Medical
Purposes Law**

Personal Services	\$1,540
All Other	1,400

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the task force to study implementation of the marijuana for medical purposes law.

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TOTAL	\$2,940
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