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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Governor James B. Longley announced today the establishment of the Governor's Task Force on Product Liability.

The Task Force was created by Executive Order and will serve as a study group charged with reviewing the subject of product liability and suggesting alternative solutions which are equitable to parties involved with product liability.

Martin Wilk, Esq. of Augusta has agreed to serve as Chairman and as a public member of the Task Force. Other members named to the Task Force include: Phyllis C. Doherty and Thomas Libby, representatives of the public at large; Colin Hampton, representative of business; Laura Burns, representative of consumers; Philip Hussey, representative of manufacturing sector; Robert Reny, representative of wholesale/retail sector; Roger Woodman, representative of casualty insurance; John Kelley, Esq., representative of the legal profession and Alfred W. Perkins, Commissioner of the Department of Business Regulation.

The Task Force will meet at the call of the Chairman, and shall make periodic progress reports to the Governor with a final report and recommendations submitted by February 28, 1978. The Department of Business Regulation will provide staff support.

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