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GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, asbestos located within buildings owned or leased by the State and local government agencies is a widespread problem; and

WHEREAS, asbestos in friable form, when inhaled, may cause serious respiratory illnesses or cancer and is, therefore, regulated by both Federal and State law; and

WHEREAS, employees and citizens of the State of Maine face known health risks should they be exposed to asbestos in friable form; and

WHEREAS, labor unions representing public employees have made known their concern for the health of their members; and

WHEREAS, the cost of properly managing the asbestos control and removal requirements in State owned buildings and public schools could create a substantial financial burden for the citizens of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Maine has made known its concern for the proper management of asbestos by passage of P&S 140 in 1986, providing for the establishment of an abatement program; and

WHEREAS, P&S 140 places before the voters of Maine a bond issue in the amount of \$6,000,000 to be used for the establishment of an asbestos management program; and

WHEREAS, the cooperation of a variety of State and local government agencies and their employees will be required to successfully implement an asbestos management program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Governor's Task Force on Asbestos Management.

Membership: The Task Force shall consist of the following:

Commissioner, Department of Administration (Chair)  
Commissioner, Department of Human Services  
Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection  
Commissioner, Department of Personnel  
Commissioner, Department of Labor  
Commissioner, Department of Corrections  
Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation  
Commissioner, Department of Educational and Cultural Services  
Commissioner, Department of Transportation  
Director, Vocational Technical Institutes  
Administrator, Maine Court System

The Chair will invite the Labor-Management Committee on Safety to appoint two labor members of that Committee to serve on the Task Force. The Task Force shall coordinate its efforts with the Labor-Management Committee to insure fulfillment of the requirements of P&S 140.

Appointees may, at the discretion of the Chair, send qualified designees to the meetings of the Task Force.

The Task Force may appoint such technical advisory subcommittees to assist in the performance of its tasks as it deems necessary.

Duties: The duties of the Task Force shall be to:

- 1) Serve as the coordinating body for asbestos management plans and programs in Maine;
- 2) Advise the Governor and the Commissioner of Administration on all policy issues relating to the management of asbestos in buildings for which the State is responsible or has employees present;
- 3) Serve as the State of Maine coordinating agent for nonregulatory programs administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or other public and private agencies, to include the receipt and distribution of funds or support services;
- 4) Provide information to government agencies about the proper management of asbestos in publicly owned or leased buildings;
- 5) Establish training and information programs to increase awareness of the hazards of asbestos in the workplace and to increase the safety of all employees;
- 6) Advise the Commissioner of Administration on the protocols, priorities, and expenditures necessary to develop and execute an asbestos management program;
- 7) Through the Commissioner of Administration, advise and inform the Legislature on the State's asbestos management program as required by P&S 140.

Staff Support.

- 1) The Commissioner of Administration shall provide the necessary staff resources to support the activities of the Task Force.
- 2) There shall be a Director of Asbestos Management Activities within the Department of Administration whose duties shall include the following:
  - a) Advise the Commissioner of Administration on all matters relating to asbestos management;
  - b) Provide for the planning, preparation, and execution of all Task Force activities in support of the Chair;
  - c) Supervise the staff and administer the funds allocated by the Department of Administration for support of Task Force activities and the asbestos management program;
  - d) Facilitate communication among the State and local government agencies participating in the asbestos management program.
  - e) Perform such other duties as the Commissioner and/or Task Force may direct.
- 3) All State Agencies are directed to assist the Task Force as required to insure the effective execution of this Executive Order.

  
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JOSEPH E. BRENNAN  
Governor