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Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Mr. Noyes of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT to Clarify and Revise Laws of Department of Economic Development.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38-A, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955 and as amended by sections 2, 2-A and 3 of chapter 123 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Powers and duties. The commissioner may employ such division chiefs, deputies, assistants and employees as may be necessary, subject to the provisions of the Personnel Law; employ or engage ~~with the approval of the Governor and Council~~ such outside technical or professional consultants as may be necessary or appropriate to assist the department in carrying out its functions; and may enter into contracts with other boards, commissions, departments and divisions of the State or with the University of Maine to assist him or any division of the department in carrying out ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter.

The commissioner may employ, without the consent of the Governor and Council, such consultants, **temporary contract employees and trainees** as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

The commissioner shall organize a Division of Research and Planning, a Division of Industrial Development, a Division of Recreational Promotion, a Division of Publicity and Public Relations and a Division of Geological Survey and such other divisions as the commissioner may recommend and as may be approved by the Governor and Council. The Commissioner of **Economic Development** and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall from time to time con-

fer on matters affecting the economic and social welfare of the State, including hours of labor, wages, industrial safety and regulatory decisions and orders.

The commissioner is authorized and empowered to accept **and expend** for the State any federal funds apportioned under ~~the provisions of~~ federal law relating to ~~urban~~ **research planning, urban renewal, state, county and regional planning** and planned public works and to do such acts as are necessary for the purpose of carrying out ~~the provisions of~~ such federal law; and to accept **and expend** from any other agency of government, individual, group or corporation such funds as may be available in carrying out ~~the provisions contained herein~~ **this chapter.**'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38-A, § 4, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 4 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'To facilitate the provisions of this subsection, the commissioner is authorized to establish a technical research revolving fund which will be a continuing carrying account and shall not lapse. The Commissioner may budget to this fund from departmental appropriations such sums as the Legislature may grant or the Governor and Council may, from time to time, authorize. The commissioner may accept grants, gifts or contributions to this fund from the Federal Government, from other state departments or agencies, from private foundations, corporations or individuals. The commissioner may expend moneys from the Technical Research Fund for such projects or studies which in his estimate will fulfill the duties of section 4.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 38-A, § 4, sub-§ VIII, amended. Subsection VIII of section 4 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955 and amended by section 2 of chapter 359 of the public laws of 1959, is further amended to read as follows:

'VIII. Assistance and advice. Assist in planning and executing any public or private project involving federal grants or loans; **assist, encourage,** advise, confer, **initiate, assist in the execution of** and otherwise cooperate with municipal planning boards, agencies, officials, civic and other groups and citizens in matters relating to urban renewal, zoning, and planning relating to schools, housing, health, land use controls, assessment and taxation, and other objectives; initiate, encourage and assist local planning boards and other municipal agencies and officials in regional planning and urban renewal.'

Section. 4. R. S., c. 38-A, § 4, sub-§§ IX and X, additional. Section 4 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955 and as amended, is further amended by adding 2 new subsections to be numbered XI and X, to read as follows:

'IX. Research and Planning Publication Fund, established. There is established within the Division of Research and Planning a revolving fund, to be known as the "Research and Planning Publication Fund," for the use of the division to cover the purchase from other sources and the printing and distribution costs for research and planning and related technical literature, including maps, charts, and reports.

X. Printing and sale of publications. The commissioner is authorized to fix the price at which publications of the Division of Research and Planning may be sold and delivered. The department shall receive without charge 10% of all such publications for complimentary distribution. Income from the sale of publications shall be credited to the revolving fund to be used as a continuing carrying account to carry out the purpose of subsection IX.'