

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
100th LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 895, L. D. 1229, Bill, "An Act Creating a State Lottery for Old Age Assistance and Aid to Municipalities."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: 'An Act Creating a General Welfare Stamp Fund.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Chapter 87-A.

General Welfare Stamp Fund.

Sec. 1. Maine General Welfare Fund Commission. There shall be a commission to be known as the Maine General Welfare Fund Commission to consist of 3 persons to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council. Not more than 2 of such members shall be members of the same political party. Said members shall be designated in their original appointments to serve for one, 2 and 3 years, respectively. Upon the expiration of the term of a member, his successor shall be appointed in the same manner for 3 years.

The Governor shall, from time to time, designate one of the members as chairman and, with the advice and consent of the Council, may remove any member for cause and shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term. Whenever any action by the commission is required to be in writing, such writing shall be sufficient when signed by any 2 of the members. The commission shall make an annual report in January of each year to the Governor and biennially to the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Donation drive. The Maine General Welfare Fund Commission, hereinafter called the commission, shall conduct a donation drive quarterly during each year under such plans as may be adopted by the commission and approved by the Governor and Council. Stamps in said drive shall be distributed under the direction of the commission subject to such rules and regulations as may be made by the commission and approved by the Governor and Council. The expenses of conducting such drive shall be deducted from the gross receipts thereof and the balance shall be divided as follows: 25% to the public as prizes; \$1,000,000 each year to the Department of Education to increase teachers' salaries in all elementary, secondary schools and teachers' colleges and to increase teachers' retirement benefits; \$1,000,000 each year to the Department of Health and Welfare for paying operation loss to hospitals; \$1,000,000 to the Department of Health and Welfare for Old Age Assistance; \$500,000 for educational television programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 and \$100,000 each fiscal year thereafter; and the remaining balance credited to the General Fund.

Stamps for participation in such drive shall be given for a donation of not more than \$3.

The commission may appoint a secretary and other assistants, who

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shall not be subject to the Personnel Law and shall receive such salaries as are fixed by the commission, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council.

Sec. 3. Salaries. The chairman of the commission shall receive an annual salary of \$6,500 and each other member shall receive an annual salary of \$6,000. The member shall also receive their necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

Sec. 4. Treasurer of State. The commission shall deposit with the Treasurer of State such moneys as shall be received by it, which shall be kept in a separate fund. The Treasurer of State is authorized to issue his checks against said fund forthwith upon written order signed by any 2 commissioners.

Sec. 5. Reports. At the conclusion of every fund period the chairman shall prepare a report which shall show:

I. ~~Stamps donated and money received.~~ Stamps donated and money received. The total number of stamps given and the amount of money received from such drives;

II. Expenses. The expense of operation for the period; and

III. Prizes paid. The amount of prizes paid for the period.

This report shall be filed with the Governor and Council within 30 days from the close of such period and a copy given to the Treasurer of State.

Sec. 6. Limitations. All stamps shall have printed on said stamps the seal of the State of Maine and the words "Not for Sale. This is a donation to help the General Welfare Fund of the State of Maine."

No person shall distribute unless authorized by the commission.'

Filed by Senator LOVELL of YORK.

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