

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

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House of Representatives, January 24, 1963

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brewer of Bath.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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### **AN ACT to Create a Recess Committee to Study the Desirability and Need of Establishing a Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.**

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

**Sec. 1. Vocational Rehabilitation Committee.** A special recess committee shall be appointed to study the desirability and need of establishing a Department of Vocational Rehabilitation combining the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Education and the Division of Eye Care and Special Services of the Department of Health and Welfare, as well as the functions of other state agencies providing vocational rehabilitation services, to provide a broad overall program of diagnosis, counseling, physical restoration, vocational training, placement services aimed at placing the handicapped and disabled in useful employment administered under a single state department.

The committee shall, at the next regular session of the Legislature, make a written report including such recommendations for legislation as the committee may adopt, if any, together with a draft of such legislation.

The committee shall consist of 8 members, to be made up as follows: One member from the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; one member from the House appointed by the Speaker of the House; 6 members appointed by the Governor, 2 of which shall be members of the Maine Chapter of the National Rehabilitation Association, one each from the Department of Education and Department of Health and Welfare and 2 members representing the public.

**Sec. 2. Organization.** Said committee shall meet as soon as practicable after appointed for the purpose of organization, including the election of a chairman and a secretary.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The sum of \$1,000 is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund and made available for this study and to defray necessary travel and other expenses in the study of and preparation for such legislative report.