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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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No. 709

H. P. 507

House of Representatives, January 24, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE Clerk,

Presented by Mr. Scott of Wilton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

**AN ACT Changing Name of Division of Veterans Affairs to Department of
Veterans Services.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 26, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 1. Department of Veterans Services; commissioner, qualifications, employment and salary; personnel. The ~~Division of Veterans Affairs~~ **Department of Veterans Services**, as heretofore established and hereinafter in this chapter called the “~~division~~” “**department**,” shall be under the control and supervision of the ~~Director of Veterans Affairs~~ **Commissioner of Veterans Services**, hereinafter in this chapter called the “~~director~~” “**commissioner**”.

The ~~director~~ **commissioner** shall be a war veteran and a person qualified by experience, training and demonstrated interest in veterans’ ~~affairs~~ **services**.

The ~~director~~ **commissioner** shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to serve for a term of 4 years and until his successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment for a like term. The ~~director~~ **commissioner** shall receive such salary as shall be fixed by the Governor and Council.

The ~~director~~ **commissioner** may employ, subject to ~~the provisions of~~ the Personnel Law, the necessary assistance to carry out the purposes and provisions of this chapter. All employees of the ~~division~~ **department**, with the exception of the clerical personnel, shall be war veterans.’

Sec. 2. Amendatory clause. Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes shall be changed to "Department of Veterans Services." Wherever in the Revised Statutes or in the public laws the words "Division of Veterans Affairs" or "Director of Veterans Affairs" appear, they shall mean "Department of Veterans Services" or "Commissioner of Veterans Services."