

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1037

S. P. 371

In Senate, February 5, 1963

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cole of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Revising the Highway Safety Committee.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, §§ 37-G - 37-K, additional. Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 5 new sections to be numbered 37-G to 37-K, to read as follows:

'Sec. 37-G. Highway Safety Committee. In recognition that safety on public streets and highways is a joint responsibility of public officials and private citizens and that there is need for the State of Maine to stimulate active support for highway safety measures and action programs originating among official agencies and citizen groups, a highway safety committee, as heretofore created, is established and shall be known as the Maine Highway Safety Committee.

Sec. 37-H. Officers and executive board. The affairs of the committee shall be conducted by an executive board consisting of not less than 15 nor more than 25 members, selected from civic, religious, industrial and similar groups and organizations with interests relating to traffic safety, said members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of 2 years, except, to provide that all appointments do not expire at the same time, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total number of members' initial appointments shall be for one year. In addition, the Governor shall appoint from the membership of the executive board a chairman, and the executive board shall elect a vice-chairman, said officers to assume the duties customary with their offices. The terms of the chairman and vice-chairman shall be for 2 years.

Sec. 37-I. Powers and duties of the executive board.

I. Safety programs. It shall develop, administer and promote street and highway safety action programs throughout the State of Maine.

II. Safety recommendations. It shall formulate and recommend to the Legislature specific measures which, in its opinion, will prevent traffic accidents.

III. Report. It shall make, through its chairman, a written report annually to the Governor, said report to be made available to the public.

IV. Subcommittees. It may appoint, at its discretion, subcommittees with membership recruited from the public at large to assist in formulating and administering committee programs and activities.

Sec. 37-J. Advisory Committee. The heads of the following State departments and agencies or their designated representatives shall constitute an Advisory Committee of State officials: Attorney General, Secretary of State, Education, Highway Commission, State Police, Public Utilities Commission. Advisory Committee members shall participate in the study of traffic safety problems and possible solutions, and shall in turn present to the Executive Board for its consideration matters of mutual concern originating in their departments.

The Executive Board and the Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly. In addition, the Chairman may call special meetings of the Executive Board at his discretion. Members of the Executive Board and its officers shall serve without salary.

Sec. 37-K. Executive secretary. The Governor shall appoint a person nominated by the executive board to be executive secretary for a term of 4 years and fix his salary.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 23, §§ 37-A - 37-G, repealed. Sections 37-A to 37-G of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 366 of the public laws of 1957, and as amended, are repealed.

Sec. 3. Intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that this act shall in no way affect the present tenure of office of the present members of the Highway Safety Committee.