

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1087**

S. P. 384

In Senate, February 6, 1963

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Porteous of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Continuing the Committee on Aging.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Committee on Aging was reactivated by private and special laws, 1961, chapter 216, and will cease to exist unless the following legislation is enacted; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the problems of Maine's aging population be further studied in order to solve said problems; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25-E, additional.** The Revised Statutes are amended by adding a new chapter 25-E, to read as follows:

**'Chapter 25-E.**

**Committee on Aging.**

**Sec. 1. Committee on Aging created.** The Governor, with the advice and

consent of the Council, shall appoint a Committee on Aging of 13 members. The Governor shall designate the chairman. All members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The various state departments shall assist the committee in the furtherance of its duties.

**Sec. 2. Duties.** The Committee on Aging shall base its activities and fields of interests on the findings of the White House Conference.

It shall continue the study of the problems of Maine's aging population and shall provide leadership and stimulation at the state level in developing solutions for these problems.

It shall assist in organizing local committees on aging.

The committee is authorized to employ with the Maine Committee on Children and Youth, under the Personnel Law, such staff as may be necessary to carry out its duties and activities. Such staff shall act as the staff for this committee and the Committee on Children and Youth. Costs and services of such staff shall be shared equally between the committees.

The committee is authorized to appoint subcommittees.

The committee is authorized to employ consultants and to contract for such projects as it deems necessary.

**Sec. 3. Meetings; expenses.** Said committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, and not less than 6 times during the biennium. The members shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**Sec. 4. Federal grants.** The Treasurer of State shall be the appropriate fiscal officer of the State to receive federal grants on account of administration of said committee and the State Controller shall authorize expenditures therefrom as approved by the committee.

**Sec. 5. Activities.** During the biennium the committee shall direct itself toward the holding of a state conference for the purpose of developing facts and recommendations and preparing a report of the findings for presentation to the Governor and the Legislature.

Said committee shall publish a directory of services available for older people. It shall continue to publish a newsletter periodically.

The committee shall continue to serve as a clearing house for information regarding problems of the aging.'

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 and the sum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965 to be expended in the furtherance of the objectives of this act; the breakdown of which shall be as follows:

	1963-64	1964-65
COMMITTEE ON AGING		
Personal Services	(1) \$ 4,860	(1) \$ 5,097
All Other	9,640	9,403
Capital Expenditures	500	500
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	\$15,000	\$15,000

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect July 1, 1963.