

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 7, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT to Clarify and Revise Laws of Department of Economic Development.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38-A, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955 and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Powers and duties. The commissioner may employ such division chiefs, deputies, assistants and employees as may be necessary, subject to ~~the provisions of the Personnel Law~~; employ or engage ~~with the approval of the Governor and Council~~ such outside technical or professional consultants as may be necessary or appropriate to assist the department in carrying out its functions; and may enter into contracts with other boards, commissions, departments and divisions of the State or with the University of Maine to assist him or any division of the department in carrying out ~~the provisions of this chapter.~~

The commissioner may employ, without the consent of the Governor and Council, such consultants, **temporary contract employees and trainees** as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

The commissioner shall organize a Division of Research and Planning, a Division of Industrial Development, a Division of Recreational Promotion, a Division of Publicity and Public Relations and a Division of Geological Survey and such other divisions as the commissioner may recommend and as may be approved by the Governor and Council. The Commissioner of **Economic Development** and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall from time to time confer on matters affecting the economic and social welfare of the State, including hours of labor, wages, industrial safety and regulatory decisions and orders.

The commissioner is authorized and empowered to accept and expend for the State any federal funds apportioned under ~~the provisions of~~ federal law relating to ~~urban research~~ planning, **urban renewal, state, county and regional planning** and planned public works and to do such acts as are necessary for the purpose of carrying out ~~the provisions of~~ such federal law; and to accept and **expend** from any other agency of government, individual, group or corporation such funds as may be available in carrying out ~~the provisions contained herein~~ **this chapter.**'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38-A, § 4, sub-§ VIII, amended. Subsection VIII of section 4 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955 and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

'VIII. Assistance and advice. Assist in planning and executing any public or private project involving federal grants or loans; **assist, encourage,** advise, confer, **initiate, assist in the execution of** and otherwise cooperate with municipal planning boards, agencies, officials, civic and other groups and citizens in matters relating to urban renewal, zoning, and planning relating to schools, housing, health, land use controls, assessment and taxation, and other objectives; initiate, encourage and assist local planning boards and other municipal agencies and officials in regional planning and urban renewal.'