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House of Representatives, February 13, 1963

Referred to Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Establishing a Division of Foreign Trade in the Department of
Economic Development.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38-A, § 6-E, additional. Chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is amended by adding a new section 6-E, to read as follows:

‘Division of Foreign Trade.

Sec. 6-E. Powers and duties. The Division of Foreign Trade shall be empowered to:

I. Promote development of foreign markets. Devise, initiate and promote an aggressive expansion of existing business oriented toward the development of foreign markets for Maine products.

II. Provide foreign trade information. Maintain, gather and disseminate such current information on foreign trade conditions as shall assist business in the State to meet foreign market needs.

III. Foreign markets for existing business. Help existing business by maintaining contacts and representatives to solicit, promote and find foreign markets for their products.

IV. Port promotion and solicitation. Cooperate with the Maine Port Authority and with other departments and agencies in organizing and prosecuting a program of port promotion and solicitation through direct contact with the leaders in the import, export business and shipping world.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38-A, § 2, amended. The first sentence of the 3rd paragraph of 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 by section 3 of chapter 123 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

‘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 a Division of Foreign Trade** and such other divisions as the commissioner may recommend and as may be approved by the Governor and Council.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 38-A, § 5, sub-§ VI, amended. Subsection VI of section 5 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 by section 5 of chapter 123 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

‘VI. Markets for existing business. Help existing business to find **domestic** markets ~~domestic or foreign~~ for their products.’