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EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Moore of Washington.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Establishing an Inter-Agency Committee of State Government.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns unless passed as emergencies; and

Whereas, the development and expansion of the economy of the State is of vital importance and concern to the people of Maine; and

Whereas, the formulation of such goals will require the development of a comprehensive economic plan for the State of Maine; and

Whereas, a preliminary planning study has been recently completed for the State through a grant received from the Urban Renewal Administration of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide for the immediate continuation of such comprehensive planning; 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., T. 10, c. 2, additional.** Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 2, to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 2****INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE OF STATE GOVERNMENT****§ 21. Inter-Agency Committee of State Government**

There is created an Inter-Agency Committee of State Government to formulate economic goals and develop a comprehensive economic plan for the State, to consist of the Commissioner of Economic Development, the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and the Attorney General, each of whom shall serve as an ex officio member of the committee. The Governor shall designate the chairman.

**§ 22. Duties of committee**

The committee shall formulate long-range goals which will promote the economic growth of the State, and, consistent with such goals, develop a comprehensive economic plan to provide for the maximum development and utilization of the economic resources of the State.

**§ 23. Committee staff**

The committee is authorized to employ, subject to the Personnel Law, an Executive Coordinator and such staff as may be necessary to carry out its duties.

**§ 24. Consultant services**

The committee may employ such expert and professional consultants, and contract for such research projects, as it deems necessary, within the limits of funds provided.

**§ 25. Agreements**

The committee is authorized and empowered to enter such agreements with the Federal Government and other agencies and organizations as will promote the objectives of this chapter.

**§ 26. Acceptance of funds**

Funds from the Federal Government or from any individual, foundation or corporation may be accepted by the committee and expended for purposes consistent with this chapter.

**§ 27. Report**

The committee shall report biennially to the Governor and to the Legislature such recommendations as it sees fit to make concerning the economic growth and development of the State.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Inter-Agency Committee of State Government the sum of \$42,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and \$42,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967; the breakdown of which shall be as follows:

	1965-66	1966-67
INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE OF STATE GOVERNMENT		
Personal Services	(4) \$38,500	(4) \$38,500
All Other	3,000	3,000
Capital Expenditures	1,000	1,000
	<u>\$42,500</u>	<u>\$42,500</u>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1965.