

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Creating a State Transportation Commission.

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

Sec. 1. State Transportation Commission. There is created a State Transportation Commission to administer this Act. It shall consist of 2 Senators, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and 7 members, representing the public, to be appointed by the Governor at large from the citizens of the State and including the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development. The Governor shall designate the chairman. Members of the commission shall be paid necessary expenses actually incurred in attending such meetings as shall be called by the chairman, or by the chairman upon petition requesting a meeting signed by at least 5 of the members.

Sec. 2. Duties. The commission shall prepare guidelines for an integrated transportation system which can best serve the economic development of the State of Maine as a whole, and shall include, but not be limited to :

1. Airports. The desirability and feasibility of acquisition, operation and management by the State of airports, including but not limited to the following areas; Portland, Bangor, Presque Isle, Augusta and Waterville;

2. Airline service. The adequacy of scheduled airline service to various points in Maine and recommendations, if needed, for improvement, including, if advisable, a program of state subsidy;

3. Waters, railways and highways. The adequacy of rail and water transportation systems and the adequacy of the State Highway System as they re-

late to the present economic condition of this State and to the future economic condition of this State ;

4. Analyses. Review and analysis of existing studies of individual components which comprise the total transportation system and determination of economic implications of these components on various sections of the State. Such analysis shall emphasize methods of improving and integrating present air, highway, rail and water transport so that the State can derive maximum benefit from new services and technologies.

Sec. 3. Staff. The commission is authorized to employ, subject to the Personnel Law, such secretarial help as may be necessary to carry out its duties.

Sec. 4. Consultants. The commission may employ such expert and professional consultants and contract for such research projects as it deems necessary, within the limits of funds provided.

Sec. 5. Agreements. The commission is authorized and empowered to enter into such agreements with the Federal Government and other organizations as will promote the objectives of this Act.

Sec. 6. Report. The commission shall report its progress to the Governor and to the 103rd Legislature, or, if requested by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to any special session of the 102nd Legislature held after January 1, 1966, with any recommendations which it sees fit to make concerning transportation in the State.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund of the State the sum of \$35,000 to the State Transportation Commission to carry out the purposes of this Act. Such appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.