

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1433

S. P. 561

In Senate, March 8, 1967

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Extend the Life of the State Transportation Commission.

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

Whereas, Chapter 188 of the private and special laws of 1965 authorized the creation of a State Transportation Commission; and

Whereas, said chapter instructed said commission to prepare guidelines for an integrated transportation system which could best serve the economic development of the State of Maine as a whole; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest that the State Transportation Commission continue to function and to enlarge their duties as set forth below; 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. State Transportation Commission. The State Transportation Commission, as created under chapter 188 of the private and special laws of 1965, shall remain in being. Those members constituting said commission and the chairman thereof shall continue to comprise said commission; however, should any Senator or Representative who presently is a member of said commission, who is no longer a member of the body from which he was appointed, shall

cease to be a member of said commission, and the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall appoint a member of the Senate or a Representative to succeed said replaced member of the commission.

Sec. 2. Duties. In addition to the duties previously established the commission shall study the feasibility of the creation of a State Department of Transportation, and if said creation is found to be desirable, the commission shall prepare guidelines for the establishment of said department, and said study shall include, but not be limited to, state agencies, departments or commissions which presently are engaged either in whole or in part in the general field of transportation or the regulation thereof, with the goal of determining which functions of said state agencies, commissions or departments may best be consolidated into a new Department of Transportation, and any further recommendations or conclusions that said commission should reach as to the composition, obligations and duties of said Department of Transportation.

Sec. 3. Authorization. Those authorizations previously granted to the commission, to allow it to carry out its duties, shall remain in effect during the life of the commission.

Sec. 4. Report. The commission shall report its progress to the Governor and to the 104th Legislature or, if requested by the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House, to any special session of the 103rd Legislature, held after January 1, 1968, with any recommendations which it sees fit to make concerning the creation of a State Department of Transportation.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund of the State, the sum of \$25,000 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 June 30, 1969.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.