

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
104th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 770, L. D. 1003, Bill, "AN ACT  
to Provide Protection for the Consumer Against Unfair Trade Practices."

Amend said Bill by inserting before that part designated "§206"  
of section 1 the following underlined section:

'§205. Commissioner; term; salary

There is created the office of Commissioner of State Trade,  
hereinafter in this chapter called the commissioner, who shall be learned  
in the law and of sobriety of manner, to be appointed by the Governor,  
with the advice and consent of the Council, who shall hold office  
for a term of 4 years or until his successor is appointed and qualified,  
and who may be removed from office by the Governor and Council for  
cause. He shall receive an annual salary to be determined by the  
Governor and confirmed by the Council within the limits of the  
appropriation contained in this Act.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§207" of section 1  
by striking out in the first line of subsection 2 (same in L. D.) the  
underlined words "Attorney General" and inserting in place thereof the  
underlined word 'commissioner'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§208" of section 1  
by striking out in the next to the last line of subsection 2 (same in  
L. D.) the underlined words "Attorney General" and inserting in place  
thereof the underlined word 'commissioner'

(Over) (*Filing No. H-524*)

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§209" of section 1 by striking out in the 2nd line (same in L. D.) the underlined words "Attorney General" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'commissioner'; and by inserting after the underlined words "any person" in the 3rd line (2nd line in L. D.) the underlined words and punctuation 'has been using,'; and by striking out in the 9th, 10th, 11th, 24th and 30th lines (8th, 9th, 21st and 26th of L. D.) the underlined words "Attorney General" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'commissioner'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§210" of section 1 by striking out in the 2nd and 13th lines (2nd and 11th lines of L. D.) the underlined words "Attorney General" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'commissioner'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§211" of section 1 by striking out in the first paragraph, in lines 2, 6 and 13 (2, 5, 11 and 12 of L. D.) the underlined words "Attorney General" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'commissioner'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§211" of section 1 by striking out in the first and 2nd lines of paragraph E of subsection 2 (first line of L. D.) the underlined words "members of the Attorney General's staff" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'commissioner'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§211" of section 1 by striking out in the next to the last paragraph, in lines 3 and 9 (3 and 7 of L. D.) the underlined words "Attorney General" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'commissioner'

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Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§211" of section 1 by striking out the underlined word "equal" in the 6th line of the last paragraph (5th line in L. D.) and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'usual'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§212" of section 1 by striking out in the 4th line of the last paragraph (same in L. D.) the underlined words "Attorney General" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'commissioner'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§213" of section 1 by striking out all of the first underlined sentence and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence:

'There shall be a Consumers' Council, hereinafter called the "council", consisting of 9 members to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, for terms concurrent with that of the Governor, not more than 5 of whom shall be members of the same major political party, and ex officio, the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, the Bank Commissioner, the Insurance Commissioner, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and the Attorney General.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§213" of section 1 by striking out in the 8th line of the 2nd paragraph (7th line of L. D.) the underlined words "Attorney General" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'commissioner'; and by striking out in the 6th line of the last paragraph (5th line of L. D.) the underlined words "Attorney General" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'commissioner'

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Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$63,422 to the Commissioner of State Trade to be expended in the promotion and carrying out the objectives of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

		<u>1969-70</u>		<u>1970-71</u>
COMMISSIONER OF STATE TRADE				
Personal Services	(4)	\$22,000	(4)	\$30,123
All Other		3,000		4,000
Capital Expenditures		<u>4,299</u>		<u>-----</u>
		\$29,299		\$34,123'

Filed by Mr. Berman of Houlton.

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