

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1217

H. P. 897

House of Representatives, February 26, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Repeal the Prohibition of Publishing a Periodical by the
Department of Economic Development.**

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

R. S., T. 10, § 402, amended. The last paragraph of section 402 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 442 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed as follows:

~~The commissioner shall not use any funds appropriated to the department or received from the Federal Government for the purpose of publishing any periodical which tends to, or is intended to, report the activities and accomplishments of the department. It is the intent of the Legislature that the continued publication of the periodical "Maine on the Grow" or any similar publication shall cease and not be resumed.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The publication specifically mentioned, "Maine On The Grow", has been eliminated and will not be resumed. The economic development departments of the other 49 states all have publications useful to the business interests of their states and are used to attract new business and industry. The lack of such a publication for Maine is deemed by the department to be a hindrance to its stated responsibility to promote and attract new industry and to assist existing industry in Maine.

It is the intent of the commissioner that any resumed publication shall guard against promotion of personalities or partisan political bias, and should objectively serve the economic development of the State of Maine.

No additional funds will be required because of this legislation.