

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1386

H. P. 1007

House of Representatives, March 9, 1971

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Berry of Madison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Providing for a Study to Determine Liquor Costs
of the Liquor Business in Maine.**

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

Sec. 1. Liquor Business Committee. The Governor shall appoint a Liquor Business Committee consisting of 10 persons and shall designate its chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties. The committee shall study costs of the liquor business to the State of Maine, namely, liquor-associated welfare, crimes, auto accidents, homicides, court cases, broken homes, hospital care-state and private. The study shall estimate the number of alcohol addicts and resultant financial burdens to public and private resources. The committee may employ whatever personnel it deems necessary to carry out its duties. The committee shall report the results of its study to the 106th Legislature.

Sec. 3. Time of meetings; expenses. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman to carry out its duties. The members shall receive no compensation but shall receive their necessary expenses incurred in carrying out its duties.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$25,000 to the said committee to carry out the purposes of this Act. All unexpended balances shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1973.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It appears to be the duty of a responsible Legislature to determine where taxes are being spent. Several other studies are being made of the operation

of State Departments and value of our tax dollar. A committee similar to the one proposed in this bill was appointed in 1951 and reported to the 96th Legislature. Maine Legislature has appropriated millions of dollars of tax money in those areas needing study.