

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1637

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H. P. 1185

House of Representatives, March 17, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to the Department of Veterans Services.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 37, § 1, repealed and replaced. Section 1 of Title 37 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1. Director and personnel

The Bureau of Veterans Services, as heretofore established and hereinafter in this Title called the "bureau," shall be under the control and supervision of the Adjutant General who shall appoint a Director of Veterans Services to assist him in the administration of this Title, subject to the Personnel Law, hereinafter in this Title called the "director."

The director shall be a war veteran and a person qualified by experience, training and demonstrated interest in veterans' services.

The Adjutant General may employ, subject to the Personnel Law, the necessary assistance to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Title. All employees of the bureau, with the exception of the clerical personnel, shall be war veterans.

Sec. 2. Amendatory clause. Wherever in Title 37 the word "department" appears it shall mean "bureau" and wherever in Title 37 the word "commissioner" or the words "Commissioner of Veterans Services" appear it or they shall mean "Director of Veterans Services."

Sec. 3. Transfer of funds, personnel, equipment and records. On the effective date of this Act all funds, personnel, equipment and records of the

Department of Veterans Services shall be transferred to the Adjutant General.

**Sec. 4. Effective date.** This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1973, however, budget planning, preparation and submission for the 1973-1975 biennium shall be the responsibility of the Adjutant General.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will transfer the Department of Veterans Services to the Adjutant General.