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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Create the Department of Transportation.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 23, c. 410, additional. Title 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 410 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 410

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

§ 4201. Department; commissioner

There is created and established the Department of Transportation to consist of a Commissioner of Transportation appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and Council, and the following as heretofore created and established: the Department of Aeronautics, the State Highway Commission, the Economic Advisory Board, the Maine Port Authority, the Advisory Committee of Ferry Service, the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Harbor of Portland, the Penobscot Bay and River Pilotage Commission, the Scenic Highway Board, the Highway Safety Committee, the Advisory Committee of State Officials and the Motor Vehicle Advisory and Review Board.

Sec. 2. Organization. The Joint Select Special Committee of the Legislature on Governmental Reorganization, with the assistance of the commissioner, shall prepare a plan of organization of the department into such bureaus, divisions and sections as may be necessary to carry out efficiently the work of the department. The committee, with the assistance of the commissioner, shall prepare legislation to be presented to a special session of the

105th Legislature to amend, repeal and rearrange statutes to reflect this department's powers, responsibilities and organization. Such legislation shall include a proposal to organize the present State Highway Commission into a bureau to be headed by a single director.

Directors of bureaus shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and Council.

The commissioner shall prepare a budget for the department in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 149.

The commissioner and the Joint Select Special Committee of the Legislature on Governmental Reorganization may recommend the legislation for the transfer from or to another state department such functions as would appear to properly belong to the other department or to his department. The commissioner shall have no powers or duties relative to the proposed department except those listed in this section.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.