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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to a Department of Commerce and Industry.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 10, Part 10, additional. Title 10 of the Revised Statutes
is amended by adding a new Part 10 to read as follows:

PART 10

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

CHAPTER 903

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

§ 8101. Department; commissioner

There is created and established the Department of Commerce and Industry to enhance the economic and social well-being of the people of Maine by assisting and promoting economic and community development, activities and opportunities; by encouraging new enterprises and the expansion of proven existing enterprises and activities seeking ultimately the improvement in both the quality and quantity of job opportunities in community services to consist of a Commissioner of Commerce and Industry appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and Council and the following as heretofore created and established: the Department of Economic Development, the Economic Development Advisory Council, the Office of Municipal Coordinator, the State Technical Services Program, the Maine Industrial Building Authority, the Maine Municipal Securities Approval Board and the Maine Recreation Authority.

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.

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 except those listed in this section.

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