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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Henry W. Hodgdon of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to a Department of Natural Resources.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, Part 7, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new Part 7 to read as follows:

PART 7

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CHAPTER 427

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

§ 5011. Department; commissioner

There is created and established the Department of Natural Resources to preserve, protect and enhance the vast and varied natural resources of the State of Maine; to encourage the intelligent utilization and conservation of fish, game and other wildlife, forest, marine, mineral, and scenic resources, in order that such resources not only serve the immediate needs of the people of the State of Maine but continue to exist and provide benefit to future generations; to consist of a Commissioner of Natural Resources 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 state agencies as heretofore created and established: The Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, the Forestry Department, the Maine Forest Authority, the Park and Recreation Commission, the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries, and the Maine Mining Bureau.

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 be effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.