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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Create the Department of Public Safety.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 25, c. 351, additional. Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 351 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 351

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

§ 2901. Department; commissioner

There is hereby created and established the Department of Public Safety to coordinate and efficiently manage the law enforcement responsibilities of the State of Maine, to consist of the Chief of the State Police, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and Council, who shall be the Commissioner of Public Safety and the following as heretofore created and established: The Department of the State Police, the Enforcement Division of the State Liquor Commission, the warden service of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, the coastal wardens of the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries, the state representatives and employees of the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission, the Division of State Fire Prevention of the Department of Insurance and the Maine Police Academy.

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 this 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.