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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Create the Department of Manpower Affairs.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 26, c. 19, additional. Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 19 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 19

DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER AFFAIRS

§ 1401. Department; commissioner

There is created and established the Department of Manpower Affairs to achieve the most effective utilization of the manpower resources in the State by developing and maintaining an accountable state manpower policy, by insuring safe working conditions and protection against loss of income and by enhancing the opportunities of the individual to improve his economic status to consist of a Commissioner of Manpower Affairs 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: Employment Service Division of the Employment Security Commission, Department of Labor and Industry, Maine Manpower Advisory Committee, Cooperative Area Manpower Planning System, and the Manpower Training Division of the Bureau of Vocational Education of the Department of Education.

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.