

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

New Draft of H. P. 1551, L. D. 2012
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2061

H. P. 1610

House of Representatives, March 7, 1972

Reported by 2 members (Report "C") of the Committee on State Government and printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

**AN ACT Implementing the Reorganization of the Department
of Human Services.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 3501, repealed and replaced. Section 3501 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 493 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 3501. Department; commissioner

There is created and established the Department of Human Services, to maximize the human capabilities of the people of the State of Maine by developing, organizing and applying the health, medical and social services for the prevention or amelioration of conditions disadvantageous to the achievement of individual, group or community potentials to consist of a Commissioner of Human Services, who shall be a person qualified by education and experience as a specialist in management administration and holds a masters degree in business administration, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to serve a term co-terminous with the Governor, hereinafter in this part called the commissioner, and the following as heretofore created and established: The Department of Health and Welfare, the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, the Committee on Children and Youth, the Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the Committee on Aging.

The Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf as heretofore created and established shall not be included within the Department of Human Services.

Sec. 2. Organizaion. Following his appointment 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 commissioner shall prepare legislation to be presented to a regular session of the 106th 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, subject to the Personnel Law.

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

The commissioner 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.