

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1265

H. P. 955

House of Representatives, March 5, 1973

Referred to Committee on Liquor Control. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cooney of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing for a Study to Determine Costs of the Liquor Business
in Maine.

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

Sec. 1. Liquor Business Committee. There shall be a Liquor Business Committee consisting of 9 members, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, 6 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, which shall designate its own chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties. The committee shall study the costs of the liquor business to the State of Maine, namely, liquor-associated welfare, crimes, auto accidents, homicides, court cases, broken homes, prison and jail cases, institutional cases, state and private hospital care. Such study shall also include: A determination to the maximum extent possible of the total number of alcohol addicts within the State and the financial burdens to public and private resources resulting therefrom. Identification and assessment of all economic, social and political benefits which have relevance to the business, and the study of any subject or matter adjudged by the committee to be relevant or germane to the subjects of its investigation or helpful to it in the consummation of its work shall be deemed within the scope of the committee's inquiry hereunder. The committee may employ whatever personnel it deems necessary to carry out its duties. The committee shall report the results of its study to the 107th Legislature.

Sec. 3. Time of meetings; expenses. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman to carry out its duties. The members shall receive no compensation but shall receive their necessary expenses incurred in carrying out its duties.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund, the sum of \$7,500 to the said committee to carry out the purposes of this Act. All unexpended balances shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1975.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It appears to be the duty of a responsible Legislature to determine where taxes are being spent. Several other studies are being made of state departments and the value of our tax dollars. A committee similar to the one proposed here was appointed in 1951 and reported to the 96th Legislature. Maine Legislature has already appropriated millions of dollars and spent them in the areas suggested by this study. It seems both prudent and wise to now undertake this study which is long overdue.