

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 541

In Senate, April 2, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Create a Commission to Study the Workmen's Compensation Law.**

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

**Sec. 1. Commission; duties.** A special commission shall be constituted and appointed to study the Workmen's Compensation Law, and to report the results of said study to the special session of the 106th Legislature or the regular session of the 107th Legislature. Such study may include the salaries and terms of office of the Industrial Accident Commission, such new or modified provisions as, in the judgment of the commission, will best serve the interests of the people of the State, and the commission shall give due consideration to the workmen's compensation laws of other states. Such commission shall employ such counsel as may be required to perform the necessary research and drafting of such legislation, such counsel, if any, to meet the requirements as set forth. Such commission shall hold such public hearings as may be deemed necessary to acquaint the public.

**Sec. 2. Membership.** The membership of the commission shall consist of 10 persons: Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; 3 members of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and 5 members from the public, appointed by the Governor and representing all segments of the management-labor complex.

**Sec. 3. Meetings.** The said commission shall be appointed promptly upon enactment hereof and the Governor shall notify all members of the time and place of the first meeting. At that time, the commission shall organize, elect a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer and adopt rules as to the administration of the commission and its affairs. The commission shall main-

tain minutes of its meetings and such financial records as may be required by the State Auditor and shall report periodically its progress to the Governor.

**Sec. 4. Council.** The commission shall contract such counsel as is deemed necessary, who need not be a resident of this State, who shall have the responsibility for legal research, under the direction and supervision of the commission. No person shall be employed as counsel who shall not, by virtue of prior training, experience, ability and reputation have clearly demonstrated the ability to perform the tasks to be assigned to him by the commission.

**Sec. 5. Reimbursement of expenses.** The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses in connection with attending meetings, procuring supplies, correspondence and other related and necessary expenditures.

**Sec. 6. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1975.