

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1813

H. P. 1357

House of Representatives, April 5, 1973

Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Mr. Trask of Milo referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Establish an Insurance Consumers' Advisory Board.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 24-A, c. 67, additional. Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 of the public laws of 1969, is amended by adding a new chapter 67 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 67

INSURANCE CONSUMERS' ADVISORY BOARD

§ 4801. Board

There is established an independent board to be known as the "Insurance Consumers' Advisory Board," and hereinafter in this chapter called the "board." It shall consist of a total of 5 members, to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. One member shall be a member of the Legislature, one shall be a member of a nonprofit consumer advisory organization, one shall be a member of a labor union, and 2 shall be representatives of the general public of the State. The members shall designate one of their members to be chairman.

§ 4802. Terms, vacancies

The members of the board shall be appointed for terms of 5 years each, except that of those first appointed, the Governor shall designate one whose term shall be only 2 years, one whose term shall be only 3 years and one whose term shall be only 4 years.

A member of the board appointed to fill a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of the member whom he shall succeed.

§ 4803. Quorum

Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

§ 4804. Compensation

Each member of the board shall receive compensation of \$25 for each day or part thereof necessarily spent in the discharge of his official duties, and shall be entitled to his expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him in the performance of his duties. All members of the board shall be eligible for reappointment.

§ 4805. Meetings

The board shall meet once a month for at least 10 months of each year. The Insurance Commissioner shall make available to the board facilities for said meetings.

§ 4806. Duties

The board has the duty to review in advance all proposed rules, regulations, orders and notices of the Insurance Commissioner and to make recommendations to him for improved protection of the consumers of insurance of this State in the issuance of said rules, regulations, orders and notices.

The board has the duty to investigate any and all problems of insurance affecting the consumers of this State, and to make recommendations for the solution of these problems and for the improvement of consumer protection in insurance to the Insurance Commissioner or to the Governor or to the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Insurance Consumers' Advisory Board the sum of \$5,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
INSURANCE CONSUMERS' ADVISORY BOARD		
Personal Services	\$1,500	\$1,500
All Other	1,000	1,000
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	\$2,500	\$2,500

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.