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S. P. 861

In Senate, January 23, 1974

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec, **BY REQUEST.**

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Delegating Program Approval and Policy Setting Authority for
Operations of the State Museum and Arts and Humanities Bureaus
to Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services.**

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

R. S., T. 20, § 102, sub-§§ 18 and 19, additional. Section 102 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding 2 new subsections 18 and 19 to read as follows:

18. **Arts and humanities.** The commissioner is empowered with respect to arts and humanities to establish policies and regulations that will lead to:

A. **Encouragement.** To take such steps as may be necessary and appropriate to encourage and stimulate public interest and participation in the cultural heritage and programs of our State and to expend the state's cultural resources;

B. **Freedom.** To encourage and assist freedom of artistic expression essential for the well-being of the arts; and

C. **Surveys.** To make such surveys as may be deemed advisable of public and private institutions engaged within the State in artistic and cultural activities, including but not limited to, music, theatre, dance, painting, sculpture, architecture, literature, history and allied studies and pursuits, and to make recommendations concerning appropriate methods of encouraging participation and appreciation of the foregoing to meet the legitimate needs and operations of persons in all parts of the State.

19. State Museum. To promulgate rules, regulations and policies for the operation and administration of the Maine State Museum.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this Act is to delegate program approval and policy setting authority for operations of the State Museum and Arts and Humanities to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services. It is in accord with a recommendation of Maine Management and Cost Survey and was approved in principle by Governor Kenneth M. Curtis in his Special Message to the 106th Legislature on January 10, 1974. The Act is related to Recommendation No. 6 which would create a Maine State Cultural Advisory Commission to advise the commissioner on policies for operation of the State Museum and Arts and Humanities Bureaus.