

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 58

In Senate, January 9, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Curtis of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Change the Name of the Department of Military, Civil Emergency Preparedness and Veterans Services to the Department of Defense and Veterans Services.

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

Sec. 1. 37-A MRSA, § 1, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 709, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1. Department of Defense and Veterans Services

1. Department. There is created and established a Department of Defense and Veterans Services in this Title called the "department," to coordinate and improve the discharge of State Government's responsibility relating to the military, veterans services and civil emergency preparedness, to consist of the Adjutant General and the following as heretofore created and established: The Military Bureau; the Bureau of Civil Defense, to be named the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness and the Bureau of Veterans Services.

The Adjutant General shall be the commissioner of the Department of Defense and Veterans Services. The Adjutant General shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. He shall have the grade not to exceed that of Major General. The Adjutant General shall administer the department, subordinate only to the Governor and shall adopt such methods of administration, not inconsistent with the law, as he may deem necessary to render the department efficient. The Adjutant General is authorized to transfer personnel at his discretion from one bureau to another bureau within the department and is authorized to prepare a budget for the department.

The Adjutant General shall appoint a Deputy Adjutant General, subject to the approval of the Governor, whose qualifications shall be those set forth in section 213 for an Assistant Adjutant General. The duly appointed Deputy Adjutant General, regardless of rank, shall have all the powers and duties of the Adjutant General in the case of the absence of the Adjutant General or his inability to act, or in the case of vacancy in said office, until such vacancy shall have been filled by the Governor, as provided by law. He shall not hold any other state office for compensation.

Sec. 2. Amendatory clause. Wherever in Title 37-A of the Revised Statutes the words "Department of Military, Civil Emergency Preparedness and Veterans Services" appear, they shall mean the "Department of Defense and Veterans Services."

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is merely to shorten the current overly cumbersome long title. This current title is cumbersome whether one is introducing himself or whether it needs to be typed on business letters. For all practical purposes, both the Military Bureau and the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness can be related to, and identified with, the more general designation of Defense.