

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 361**

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S. P. 106

In Senate, January 23, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT Concerning Appointments to all Regulatory Boards and Commissions.

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

2 MRSA, § 8 is enacted to read:

#### § 8. Regulatory boards and commissions

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor shall appoint a person representing the consumer to every state regulatory board, agency or commission. These appointments shall be made in the following manner.

Any vacancy which shall occur on a state regulatory board, agency or commission prior to January 1, 1976, shall be filled by a person representing the consumer, until every such board, agency or regulatory commission includes at least one such appointment.

In the instance of any board, agency or regulatory commission in which no vacancy has occurred subsequent to the date of enactment and prior to January 1, 1976, a person representing the consumer shall be appointed to full membership of said board, agency or regulatory commission, which shall thereby be temporarily expanded until the attrition of a member returns this board, agency or regulatory commission to its original size.

No state regulatory board, agency or commission shall have more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  its membership consisting of persons who have direct financial ties to the activity being regulated. Vacancies occurring upon any boards, agencies and commissions which, at the time of enactment, do not meet this requirement may be filled only by persons who have no financial ties to the activity being regulated.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will provide for consumer representation upon every state regulatory board, agency or commission and will limit the extent to which these boards, agencies and commissions may consist of persons having direct financial ties to the activity being regulated.