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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 440, L.D. 1456, Bill,
"AN ACT to Reassign the Functions of the Department of
Commerce and Industry and the Office of Energy Resources."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by striking out all of
subparagraph (4) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'(4) The director is authorized to appoint a State
Energy Coordinator to carry out the powers and duties
of section 3305, subsection 1. The director shall
determine the salary of the State Energy Coordinator.'

Further amend said Bill in section 2 in paragraph I in
the 2nd and 3rd lines (2nd line in L.D) by striking out the
underlined words and punctuation "and with the approval of
the Governor,"

Further amend said Bill in section 2 in paragraph I,
subparagraph (6) in the 2nd line (1st and 2nd lines in L.D.)
by striking out the underlined words "and Governor"

Further amend said Bill in section 4 in that part
designated "\$7002." in subsection 2, paragraph B by striking
out in the 1st line (same in L.D.) the underlined punctuation
and words ", with the approval of the Governor," and in
paragraph E in the 1st line (same in L.D.) by striking out
the underlined punctuation and words ", with the approval of
the Governor,"

Further amend said Bill in section 4 in that part
designated "\$7002." by inserting at the end the following:

'F. The director shall implement a program designed
to promote tourism and to attract tourists to the

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State, expand existing tourist activities within the State and help existing tourism-related businesses to attract tourists for their facilities. Such a tourism program may include coordination of activities between the public and private sectors, including assistance to local communities in their development efforts, extension of technical assistance to new and existing tourism-related industries seeking expansion within the State and utilization of trade missions, exhibits, brochures, technical assistance and expertise as may be necessary to develop and promote tourism and tourist activities within the State.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 7. Transitional; employees. The classified employees of the Department of Commerce and Industry whose job classifications will be maintained as classified positions in the State Planning Office or the State Development Office shall be transferred to said offices in accordance with this Act, without loss of accrued sick leave or other benefits. Classified professional employees of the Department of Commerce and Industry shall be transferred to jobs consistent with their skills and seniority, either in the State Planning Office or the State Development Office. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, classified professional employees so transferred shall retain their classified status unless

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they voluntarily relinquish it and shall be transferred without loss of accrued sick leave, vacation pay or other benefits. The provisions of this Act relating to professional employees shall apply only to professional employees hired for other positions or to professional employees hired in the future to replace any transferred classified professional employee when he leaves his position.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment eliminates repetitive language, establishes a specific responsibility for promoting tourism and provides for maximum employee protection for those employees wishing to be transferred to this new agency.

Reported by the Committee on State Government.

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