

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1750

H. P. 1444

House of Representatives, April 8, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Spencer of Standish.

Cosponsors: Mr. Rolde of York, Mr. Snow of Falmouth, Mr. Cooney of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Create the Maine Licensing and Permit
Procedures Review Commission.**

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

Sec. 1. Commission created. There is created the Maine Licensing and Permit Procedures Review Commission which shall conduct a comprehensive study of the statutes and regulations of this State which require or regulate licenses and permits.

Sec. 2. Membership. The commission shall be composed of 9 members. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 2 Representatives and 1 member of the public. The President of the Senate shall appoint 2 Senators and 1 member of the public. The Governor shall appoint 2 persons employed by state or municipal government and 1 member of the public. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Sec. 3. Meetings. The commission shall be appointed promptly upon enactment of this Act and the Governor shall notify all members of the time and place of the first meeting. At that time the commission shall organize, elect a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer and adopt rules as to the administration of the commission and its affairs. The commission shall maintain minutes of its meetings and such financial records as may be required by the State Auditor and shall report periodically its progress to the Governor.

Sec. 4. Hearings. In conducting its study, the commission shall conduct public hearings in the cities of Portland, Lewiston, Auburn, Augusta, Bangor and any other municipalities or unincorporated places which may be determined by the commission in order to take testimony from members of the

public on problems which they have encountered in applying for and receiving licenses and permits from the State and its political subdivisions.

Sec. 5. Counsel. The commission shall contract such counsel as is deemed necessary who need not be a resident of this State, who shall have the responsibility for legal research and drafting required in connection with the preparation of any recommended legislation under the direction and supervision of the commission. No person shall be employed as counsel who shall not, by virtue of prior training, experience, ability and reputation have clearly demonstrated the ability to perform the tasks to be assigned to him by the commission. The counsel chosen under this section shall coordinate efforts in drafting legislation as to matters of form with the Legislative Research Office.

Sec. 6. Recommendations. The commission, after completing its study, shall report its recommendations, together with final drafts of any recommended legislation, to the regular session of the 108th Legislature. These recommendations shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. **Simplification.** The simplification of licensing procedures;
2. **Elimination of unnecessary requirements.** The elimination of unnecessary licensing requirements;
3. **Uniformity.** The provision of uniform and consistent license and permit application forms; and
4. **Schedule of fees.** The establishment of a schedule of license and permit fees.

Sec. 7. Reimbursement of expenses. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses in attending meetings, procuring supplies, correspondence and other related and necessary expenditures.

Sec. 8. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Licensing and Permit Procedures Review Commission the sum of \$10,000 for the biennium to carry out the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create a Maine Licensing and Permit Procedure Review Commission.