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No. 2104

H. P. 1916

House of Representatives, January 27, 1976

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT Extending the Legislative Lifetime and Reporting Deadlines of the Commission on Maine's Future, and Allowing for Expenditures of Previously Appropriated Funds Throughout the Revised Lifetime of the Commission.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the end of the current fiscal year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, the Commission on Maine's Future requires an additional 4 months until November 1, 1977, to complete its work; and

Whereas, an amendment seems required to protect from lapsing funds previously appropriated for commission and to allow for their use throughout the revised lifetime of the commission; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 3322, 2nd ¶, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 623, § 5, is amended to read:

This chapter shall have a legislated lifetime until ~~June 30, 1977~~ **November 1, 1977** and all appointed members shall serve terms expired on that date.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 3323, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 623, § 5, is amended to read:

6. A preliminary draft of the formal final report on commission activities to be submitted not later than June 30, 1977.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA § 3323, sub-§ 7 is enacted to read:

7. A formal final report on commission activities to be submitted not later than November 1, 1977.

Sec. 4. Unallocated funds to be protected for commission use. The \$30,000 appropriated by P & SL 1975, c. 78 under the caption "GENERAL GOVERNMENT, EXECUTIVE, Current Services," in the "Unallocated" category within the State Planning Office for 1975-76 and the \$30,000 placed in the same category for 1976-77 shall be protected for the use of the Commission on Maine's Future throughout its lifetime as revised above, meaning that any unexpended balances at June 30, 1976 and June 30, 1977 shall not lapse, but shall carry forward to be expended for the same purposes.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill extends the life of the Commission on Maine's Future to November 1, 1977, provides that the final formal report of the commission shall be required on November 1, 1977, and provides that an unallocated appropriation to the State Planning Office for fiscal year 1975-76 and for fiscal year 1976-77 shall not lapse and shall be specifically allocated to the Commission.