

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 200

H. P. 162

House of Representatives, February 1, 1977

Referred to Committee on Human Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Curran of South Portland.

Cosponsors: Ms. Goodwin of Bath, Mr. Bennett of Caribou.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 5 MRSA § 4566, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 501, § 1, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence to read:

**The commission shall hire an investigator who shall be responsible solely for cases related to age discrimination.**

**Sec. 2.** 5 MRSA § 4573, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ A, B and C, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 501, § 1, are repealed.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Human Rights Commission the sum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978 for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION	1977-78
Personal Services	(1) \$12,000
All Other	3,000
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	\$15,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Maine Human Rights Commission to expand their review of alleged age discrimination complaints on a case by case basis and to provide one staff investigator for that purpose. It does not

make unlawful any employment policy which presently exists. This bill was developed from a resolution passed by the 1,200 elderly delegates at the Maine Committee on Aging's 1976 Blaine House Conference on Aging.