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H. P. 782

House of Representatives, March 10, 1977

On motion of Mr. Curran of So. Portland referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to the Duties and Supervisory Authority  
of the Commissioner of Business Regulation.**

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA § 6.103, 5th sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 109, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**The superintendent shall serve a term coterminous with that of the Governor, subject to removal by the Commissioner of Business Regulation with the consent of the Governor.**

Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA § 211, sub-§ 1, next to last sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 110, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**The superintendent shall serve a term coterminous with that of the Governor, subject to removal by the Commissioner of Business Regulation with the consent of the Governor.**

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA § 8002, sub-§ 6 is enacted to read:

**6. Appoint representatives. Appoint representatives to act as executive secretaries for boards, who may also serve as inspectors.**

Sec. 4. 10 MRSA § 8002, last ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 767, § 9, is amended to read:

The commissioner shall not have the authority to exercise or interfere with the exercise of discretionary regulatory or licensing authority granted by statute to the ~~bureau~~ boards or commissions within the department set forth in section 8001, **except that this section shall not prohibit a bureau chief in**

the department from serving simultaneously as the **Commissioner of Business Regulation**.

**Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA § 201, sub-§ 3**, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 585, § 7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. **The superintendent shall serve a term coterminous with that of the Governor, subject to removal by the Commissioner of Business Regulation with the consent of the Governor.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Government Reorganization pertaining to the appointment of bureau and division heads, to provide a further appeal for the public and to allow a bureau director to serve simultaneously as the commissioner of the department and to make it possible to reduce administrative costs with greater efficiency of service.