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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-422)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 263, L.D. 339, Bill, "AN ACT
TO Provide Help to Small Businesses in Dealing with State
Statutory and Regulatory Requirements."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and in-
serting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Create the
Division of Small Business Assistance.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §8005 is enacted to read:

§8005. Assistance for small business

1. Established. There is created the "Division of Small
Business Assistance" within the Department of Business
Regulation. The Commissioner of Business Regulation shall em-
ploy the Director of Small Business Assistance and such
other clerical assistants as are necessary to discharge the
duties imposed by this section and shall outline their duties
and fix their compensation, subject to the Personnel Law.

2. Small business defined. For purposes of this section,
any business having annual revenues of \$1,000,000 or less is
considered a small business.

3. Functions of division. The functions of the division
are to establish and maintain a central office which shall pro-
vide information to both active and proposed small businesses.
Assistance under this section shall include advising the

owners or officers of small businesses of applicable state, federal and local statutes and regulations, and advising them how to comply with these statutes and regulations.

4. Cooperation of other state agencies. Each State agency shall provide the office with all requested information and cooperation necessary to further small business compliance with state statutes and regulations.

5. Coordination with other levels of government. The office shall, to the extent possible, coordinate its efforts with those appropriate agencies of the Federal Government, other states, counties and municipalities.

6. State agencies to provide information. Within 60 days after the effective date of this section, the director shall contact each state agency which administers statutes or regulations concerning small businesses, requesting them to provide him with a lists of those statutes and regulations and, within 120 days after the effective date of this section, these agencies shall provide this information to the director.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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BUSINESS REGULATION,
DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Assistance for
Small Business

Positions	(2)	(2)
Personal Services	\$12,000	\$25,000
All Other	2,500	5,000
Capital Expenditures	600	-
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Total	\$15,100	\$30,000

Provides funds for a director and one clerk stenographer II and related expenses of the office effective January 1, 1980.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this bill is to create a Division of Small Business Assistance within the Department of Business Regulation, which will aid Maine's hard-pressed small businesses to comply with all applicable Maine Statutes and regulations.

Filed by Mr. Gwadosky of Fairfield
 Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the
 Clerk of the House.
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