

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 905**

S. P. 305

In Senate, March 2, 1979

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Chapman of Sagadahoc.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Create the Division of Assistance for Small Business.**

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

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

§ 8005. Assistance for small business

1. **Established.** There is created the Division of Assistance for Small Business within the Department of Business Regulation. The Commissioner of Business Regulation shall employ the Director of Assistance for Small Business 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 provide information to both active and proposed small businesses as to pertinent federal and state statutes and regulations and, if requested, to aid them in complying with these statutes and regulations.

4. **Cooperative effort.** The director is authorized to obtain from other state

agencies and, to the extent possible, from federal agencies reasonable information to assist him in complying with this section.

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

	1979-80	1980-81
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	-
	\$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 Assistance for Small Business within the Department of Business Regulation.