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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 110TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{A} " to H.P. 1254, L.D. 1478, Bill, "AN ACT to Diversify Maine's Participation in the Eastern States Exposition."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

- 'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §403, as amended by PL 1979, c. 461, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
 §403. State of Maine Building at Eastern States Exposition
- 1. State of Maine Building. The department shall operate and maintain the State of Maine Building, previously erected upon the Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, Inc., at West Springfield, Massachusetts, for the purpose of exhibiting, publicizing and advertising Maine's products and resources in agriculture, industry, fisheries, forests, wildlife and recreation. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the department shall have complete control and supervision of all exhibits held in these buildings.
- 2. Advice. From time to time, the department shall consult regarding operation and maintenance of the building with, and for any major exhibition shall prior to the exhibition develop a plan after a public hearing and obtain advice on the proposed use of building space from, the following persons: The Commissioner of Marine Resources; Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Commissioner of Conservation; and Conservation of the State Development Office.

- 3. Advisory board. There is created an Eastern States Exposition Advisory Board to assist and advise the commissioner in fulfillment of the department's responsibilities under this section. The board shall consist of 10 members who are not employees of the State chosen in the following manner.
 - A. Five members shall be selected from Region 1 trustees of the Eastern States Exposition Board of Trustees, representing the various interests of the State. They shall be named by the Region 1 chairman, who shall serve as an ex officio member of the board.
 - B. Five members shall be named by the Governor. Notwithstanding paragraph C, of the 5 members first appointed by the Governor, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of 2 years, one for a term of 3 years, one for a term of 4 years and one for a term of 5 years. Thereafter, members appointed by the Governor shall serve the terms set out in paragraph C.
 - C. All board members shall serve 5-year terms. No member who has served a full 5-year term may succeed himself. In case of a vacancy, a new member shall be named, in the same manner as the member he is replacing, to fill the unexpired term. If ← → a board member appointed from Region 1 trustees ceaseSto be a Region 1 trustee during his term, his position on the board shall be declared vacant. The board shall meet at least once a year and other times as deemed necessary and upon the call of the commissioner. It shall name its own chairman.

Sec. 2. Transition provision. Members of the Maine Trustees Advisory Board named prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue to serve the remainder of their terms as members of the Eastern States Exposition Advisory Board and shall be considered members appointed under the Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 403, subsection 3, paragraph A.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment amends the law regulating use of the State

of Maine Building at the Eastern States Exposition by:

Food and Rural Resources,

- 1. Requiring the Department of Agriculture, which manages the building, to consult regarding management and use of the building with the commissioners of the several agencies whose programs relate to the purpose of the building; and
- 2. Broadening the membership of the advisory board to include, in addition to the current 5 members appointed by the Region 1 chairman, 5 members appointed by the Governor.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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