

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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7 S.P. 315

In Senate, February 28, 1985

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

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Rolde of York, Senator Bustin of
Kennebec and Representative Baker of Portland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Establish a Maine Commission for
18 Men.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA Pt. 17, first 2 lines, are re-
23 pealed and the following enacted in their place:

24 PART 17

25 STATUS OF WOMEN AND MEN

26 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 373 is enacted to read:

27 CHAPTER 373

28 MAINE COMMISSION FOR MEN

29 §7101. Commission established

1 The Maine Commission for Men, established by section
2 12004, subsection 11, referred to in this chapter
3 as the "commission," shall be an independent com-
4 mission. The commission shall promote, carry out and
5 coordinate programs designed to improve opportunities
6 for men in the State.

7 §7102. Membership

8 The commission shall consist of 17 members, in-
9 cluding 9 appointed by the Governor, 4 appointed by
10 the President of the Senate and 4 appointed by the
11 Speaker of the House. In making these appointments
12 to the commission, the Governor, the President of the
13 Senate and the Speaker of the House shall consider
14 and appoint residents of the State who have a knowl-
15 edge of problems facing Maine men and who provide
16 leadership in programs or activities which are car-
17 ried out to improve opportunities for men. The mem-
18 bers of the commission, chosen from throughout the
19 State, shall include, but not be limited to, repre-
20 sentatives of minority, low income, youth and elderly
21 groups.

22 §7103. Term of office

23 Members shall be appointed for 2-year terms, ex-
24 cept of those members first appointed, 5 appointed by
25 the Governor, 2 appointed by the President of the
26 Senate and 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House
27 shall be appointed for 2-year terms and the remainder
28 shall be appointed for one-year terms. The term of
29 office of each member shall be designated at the time
30 of appointment.

31 Members may serve after the expiration of their
32 terms until their successors have taken office. The
33 Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker
34 of the House may terminate the membership of their
35 respective appointees for good and just cause and the
36 reason for the termination shall be communicated in
37 writing to each member whose term is so terminated.
38 The appointment of any member of the commission shall
39 be terminated if the member is absent from 3 consecu-
40 tive meetings without communicating good and just
41 cause to the chairman.

1 §7104. Vacancies

2 Members appointed to fill vacancies occurring
3 prior to the expiration of the term for which their
4 predecessor was appointed shall serve only for the
5 remainder of that term and shall be appointed by the
6 same person who appointed their predecessor. Any va-
7 cancy on the commission shall not affect its powers.

8 §7105. Chairman

9 The Governor shall select from among the members
10 a chairman and a vice-chairman, both of whom shall
11 serve for one year. These selections shall be made
12 each year prior to the first meeting of the commis-
13 sion. The chairman may appoint subcommittees.

14 §7106. Powers and duties

15 The commission may to advise and consult with the
16 Governor and Legislature about, and assist them in
17 improving, opportunities for Maine men by:

18 1. Research. Carrying out research programs
19 which are necessary to determine the status of Maine
20 men;

21 2. Activities. Promoting and coordinating ac-
22 tivities on state and local levels designed to meet
23 the problems of men;

24 3. Advocate. Serving as an advocate for Maine
25 men by making recommendations on proposed budgetary,
26 legislative and policy actions to the Governor, Leg-
27 islature and to other officials of State Government
28 and Federal Government with respect to state and fed-
29 eral policies, programs and other activities affect-
30 ing or relating to the men of Maine;

31 4. Information. Informing the public about the
32 presence or absence of opportunities for Maine men;

33 5. Meetings. Conducting public hearings, con-
34 ferences, workshops and other such meetings to obtain
35 information about, discuss and publicize the needs of
36 and solutions to problems of men; and

1 6. Reports. Making a biennial report to the
2 Governor and Legislature concerning the work and in-
3 terests of the commission.

4 §7107. Meetings; compensation

5 The commission shall meet at the call of the
6 chairman and not less than 4 times during each year.
7 Members shall be compensated as provided in chapter
8 379.

9 §7108. Staff; funding

10 The commission may employ staff and consultants
11 and accept and use any funding available to it in
12 carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

13 Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-§11, ¶A, sub-¶(4) is
14 enacted to read:

15 (4) Men Maine Commission Expenses 5 MRSA §7101
16 for Men only

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 The purpose of this bill is to establish a Maine
19 Commission for Men.

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