

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

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8 H.P. 697

House of Representatives, March 12, 1985

9 Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for
10 concurrence and ordered printed.

11 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Manning of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 RESOLVE, Pertaining to a State Employee
19 Health Promotion.
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21 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
22 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
23 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

24 Whereas, many health needs of state employees are
25 not currently being met; and

26 Whereas, there is an immediate need for a compre-
27 hensive state employee health promotion program; and

28 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
29 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
30 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
31 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
32 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
33 therefore, be it

1 Commission on State Employee Health Promotion
2 Program established. Resolved: That there is estab-
3 lished the State Employee Health Promotion Program
4 Commission. The commission shall consist of 9 mem-
5 bers to be appointed by the Governor as follows: One
6 member representing the Department of Human Services,
7 Bureau of Health; one member representing the Maine
8 State Employees Health Insurance Program; one member
9 representing the Department of Finance and Adminis-
10 tration, Risk Management Division; one member repre-
11 senting the Department of Finance and Administration,
12 Bureau of Public Improvements; the Assistant Director
13 for Workers' Compensation, Department of Personnel,
14 Office of Employee Relations; one member represent-
15 ing the Governor's Office of Employee Relations; one
16 member representing the State Employee Assistance
17 Program; and one member representing each of the 2
18 major health insurance companies contracting with the
19 State for the provision of health insurance or major
20 medical insurance for state employees; and be it fur-
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22 Duties of commission. Resolved: That the com-
23 mission shall conduct a study, including, but not
24 limited to, the following:

25 1. The inclusion in state employee health insur-
26 ance of coverage for surgical opinions and testing
27 prior to hospital admission;

28 2. Smoking policies in the workplace;

29 3. The use of seat belts in state-owned vehicles
30 and privately-owned vehicles where the owner is reim-
31 bursed by the State for mileage;

32 4. Income protection programs; and

33 5. The feasibility of implementing wellness pro-
34 grams dealing with, but not limited to, the follow-
35 ing:

36 A. The hazards of smoking;

37 B. Drug and alcohol abuse;

38 C. Stress management;

- 1 D. Weight reduction;
- 2 E. Low cholesterol diet programs; and
- 3 F. High blood pressure clinics; and be it fur-
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5 **Goals. Resolved:** That, in conducting the study
6 and in making its recommendations, the commission
7 shall adopt the goals of reducing incidence of sick
8 leave and reducing the number of workers' compensa-
9 tion claims against the State; and be it further

10 **Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall re-
11 port its findings, together with any implementing
12 legislation, including a proposed program for state
13 employee health promotion covering all state employ-
14 ees who are eligible for state health insurance, to
15 the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature;
16 and be it further

17 **Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the
18 commission shall receive no compensation, but shall
19 be reimbursed for all necessary expenses.

20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
21 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
22 proved.

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 The purpose of this resolve is to establish a
25 commission to study and develop a State Employee
26 Health Promotion Program.

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