

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1339

H.P. 993 House of Representatives, April 23, 1987
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator ERWIN of Oxford, Representatives
FARREN of Cherryfield and DUFFY of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 Resolve, to Create a Commission to Review the
2 Laws Relating to Registered Maine
3 Guides.
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5 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves
6 of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
7 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
8 and

9 Whereas, the laws relating to registered Maine
10 guides have never been comprehensively reviewed and
11 are in need of updating; and

12 Whereas, registered Maine guides provide a sig-
13 nificant contribution to both tourism and the economy
14 of the State; and

1 Whereas, in hiring the services of a guide,
2 sportsmen and recreationists entrust their scarce va-
3 cation time, as well as their health and safety; and

4 Whereas, the certification and licensing of Maine
5 guides involves a variety of issues including public
6 safety; and

7 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
8 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
9 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
10 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
11 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 **Commission established. Resolved:** That a Com-
14 mission to Review the Laws Relating to Registered
15 Maine Guides be created. The commission shall con-
16 sist of 13 members as follows: Five members of the
17 House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of
18 the House, 3 members representing the Joint Standing
19 Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife, one member
20 representing the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation
21 and one member representing the Joint Standing Com-
22 mittee on Business Legislation; 2 members from the
23 Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate,
24 representing the Joint Standing Committee on Fisher-
25 ies and Wildlife and the Joint Standing Committee on
26 Taxation or Business Legislation; 2 representatives
27 of the Maine Professional Guides Association; one
28 registered Maine guide not affiliated with the Maine
29 Professional Guides Association; one representative
30 of the Sportsmen's Alliance of Maine; one representa-
31 tive of the Maine Trapper's Association; and one pub-
32 lic member representing private landowners. The Com-
33 missioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall
34 serve as an ex officio member. The public members
35 shall be appointed by the Governor within 10 days of
36 enactment.

37 The commission shall hold an organizational meet-
38 ing at the call of the chairman of the Legislative
39 Council within 30 days after the effective date of
40 this resolve. At this meeting, the commission shall
41 elect a chairman and vice-chairman from within the
42 membership. The commission shall meet twice to de-
43 velop preliminary recommendations for public input

1 and comment. Up to 3 public hearings will be held
2 throughout the State to solicit input and comments on
3 the preliminary recommendations. The commission
4 shall hold up to 3 additional meetings to finalize
5 their recommendations. Members shall receive reim-
6 bursement for expenses for meals and travel upon ap-
7 plication to the Executive Director of the Legisla-
8 tive Council. No per diem expenses may be paid; and
9 be it further

10 Report. Resolved: That this commission shall
11 report its findings, together with any legislative
12 recommendations, to the Second Regular Session of the
13 113th Legislature not later than February 1, 1988.
14 This report shall:

15 1. Identify inconsistencies and shortcomings of
16 the present laws governing Maine guides and de-
17 velop legislative recommendations to bring them
18 up to date;

19 2. Recommend changes to the Department of Inland
20 Fisheries and Wildlife regulations that relate to
21 registered Maine guides; and

22 3. Evaluate a classification system for guides
23 relating to their proficiency and areas of exper-
24 tise; and be it further

25 Staff support. Resolved: That staff support
26 shall be requested from the Legislative Council; and
27 be it further

28 Allocation. Resolved: That the following funds
29 are allocated from revenues dedicated to the Depart-
30 ment of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to carry out
31 the purposes of this resolves.

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34 Commission to Review
35 the Laws Relating to
36 Registered Maine
37 Guides

1 All Other \$8,800

2 Provides funds for
3 the travel, printing
4 and miscellaneous
5 expenses for a 13-
6 member commission to
7 review the laws re-
8 lating to registered
9 Maine guides.

10 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
11 in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when
12 approved.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 This bill establishes a 13-member commission,
15 composed of both Legislators and interested parties,
16 to comprehensively review and update the laws and
17 regulations relating to registered Maine guides.

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