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Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative HOLT of Bath.
Cosponsored by Representatives DELLERT of Gardiner,
LISNIK of Presque Isle and President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 <u>.</u> 22 3'	AN ACT to Establish the Agent Orange Information Commission.					
4 5	Be it emacted by the People of the State of Maine follows:	as				
6 7:	Sec. I. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-\$II, \$A, sub-\$(6) enacted to read:	is				
8:	(6) Veterans Maine Agent Expenses 5 MRSA					

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1 2 3	Orange Only §19503 Information Commission
4	Sec. 2. 5 MRSA Pt. 24 is enacted to read:
5	PART 24
6	VETERANS' SERVICES
7	CHAPTER 511
8	MAINE AGENT ORANGE INFORMATION COMMISSION
9	§19501. Scope of chapter
10 11 12 13 14 15	The Maine Agent Orange Information Commission is established to address the concerns of those Vietnam-era veterans, and the families of those veterans, who reside in this State and who were exposed to toxic chemicals during service in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. §19502. Definitions
17 18	As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
19	following meanings.
20 21 22 23	1. Toxic chemicals. "Toxic chemicals" means any of those insecticides and herbicides used in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War including; but not limited to:
24 25	A. Agent Orange containing trichlorophenoxy acidic acid and dichlorphenoxy acidic acid;
26	B. Agent White, containing picloram;
27 28	C. Agent Blue, containing cacodylic acid, including arsenic;
29 30	D. Lindane, mirex, dichlorodiphenyltrichloro- ethane, chlordane, dieldrin, dapsone,

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2	diquat, bromacil, monuron, tandex and dalapon;
3	and
	
4	E. Any form of dioxin or
5	tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin.
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6	Vietnam veteran. "Vietnam veteran" means
7	any person who served on active duty in the Armed
8	Forces of the United States during the Vietnam War,
	roices of the united states during the vietnam war,
9	August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975.
10	§19503. Commission established; membership
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11	The Maine Agent Orange Information Commission,
12	as established by chapter 379, shall be comprised as
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13	follows: 4 members, 3 of whom must be Vietnam
14	veterans, to be appointed jointly by the President of
15	the Senate and the Speaker of the House; and 3
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16	members, one of whom must be a Vietnam veteran, to be
17	appointed by the Governor. The members shall serve for terms of 2 years, except that, of those first
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19	appointed, 2 of the members appointed by the President
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20	of the Senate and Speaker of the House and one of the
21	members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of one year. The commission shall select its
22	terms of one year The commission shall select its
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23	own chairman. Members shall be compensated in
24	accordance with chapter 379.
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25	The commission shall meet at least once every
26	month.
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27	§19504. Duties
28	The commission shall:
20	THE COMMITBEION BRIGHT.
29	1. Compile information. Compile information
30	concerning the use of toxic chemicals in Southeast
	Agin.
31	Asia;
32	Outreach. Identify, locate and provide
33	factual, updated information on the issues of exposure
	Tactual, appeared information on the issues of exposure
34	to toxic chemicals in Southeast Asia to Maine Vietnam
35	veterans, their families and other interested persons;

- 3. Referral. Refer to other federal, state, local or private agencies those Vietnam veterans exposed to toxic chemicals during service in Southeast Asia, and their families, needing assistance;
- 5 4. Coordination. Ensure that legal, medical, 6 administrative and social assistance due the Vietnam 7 veterans exposed to toxic chemicals during service in 8 Southeast Asia, and their families, is coordinated;
- 9 5. Cooperation. Cooperate with other state, 10 federal and private agencies and veterans' groups to 11 carry out its duties;
- 12 6. Registry. Maintain, in cooperation with the
 13 Department of Defense, Veterans' Services Bureau, a
 14 registry of all Vietnam veterans in the State; and
- 7. Recommendations. Make written recommendations and proposals to other State agencies concerning possible research efforts or surveys regarding exposure to toxic chemicals.
- 19 §19505. Executive director; staff
- The commission shall employ an executive director and clerical support to serve at the pleasure of the commission as is necessary to carry out this chapter.
- 24 §19506. Assistance; Bureau of Veterans' Services
- The Department of Defense and Veterans'
 Services, Bureau of Veterans' Services shall render
 all assistance requested by the commission to carry
 out this chapter.
- Sec. 3. Report. The commission shall submit a report, including any recommended legislation, no later than April 1, 1989, to the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature. The report shall cover all aspects of the commission's work undertaken since the effective date of this Act.

)	1 2 3	Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following fu are appropriated from the General Fund to carry the purposes of this Act.	nds out
)	4 5 6	Maine Agent Orange Information Commission	<u>9</u>
	7 8 9 10	Positions (1 1/2 Personal Services \$39,49 All Other 15,14 Capital Expenditures 4,35	8 4
	11 12	Total \$58,99	2
	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Provides funds for 1/2 an Executive Director, a Clerk Typist II, a WATS line and general operating expenses to carry out the responsibilities of the proposed commission.	
	22	STATEMENT OF FACT	
	23 24 25 26 27 28	This bill establishes the Maine Agent Oran Information Commission, an independent agency design to provide much needed informational, referral a coordination services to Maine Vietnam veterans were exposed to toxic chemicals during service Southeast Asia in the Vietnam War.	néd