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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative JALBERT of Lisbon.

Cosponsored by Representative DELLERT of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Change the Name of the Governor's Committee on
Employment of the Handicapped to the Governor's Committee on
Employment of People with Disabilities.**



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §507, sub-§4, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 887,
5 **§1,** is further amended to read:

7 B. Unless continued or modified by law, the following Group
9 B-2 independent agencies shall terminate, not including the
11 grace period, no later than June 30, 1983. The Maine Health
 Facilities Authority and the Maine State Housing Authority
 shall not terminate, but shall be reviewed by the
 Legislature no later than June 30, 1987:

- 13 (1) Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration;
- 15 (2) Board of Dental Examiners;
- 17 (3) State Board of Licensure of Administrators of
19 Medical Care Facilities other than Hospitals;
- 21 (4) Board of Registration in Medicine;
- 23 (5) State Board of Nursing;
- 25 (6) State Board of Optometry;
- 27 (7) Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration;
- 29 (8) Board of Commissioners of the Profession of
 Pharmacy;
- 31 (9) Examiners of Podiatrists;
- 33 (10) Maine Health Facilities Cost Review Board;
- 35 (11) Maine Medical Laboratory Commission;
- 37 (12) State Planning and Advisory Council on
39 Developmental Disabilities;
- 41 (13) Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally
 Retarded;
- 43 (14) Governor's Committee on Employment of the
45 Handicapped People with Disabilities;
- 47 (15) Division of Community Services;
- 49 (16) Maine State Housing Authority;
- 51 (17) Maine Health Facilities Authority; and
 (18) Maine Commission on Mental Health.

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3 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §507-B, sub-§4, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1985, c.
5 441, §1 is further amended to read:

7 B. Agencies continued as modified by an Act of the
Legislature are:

9 (1) Board of Chiropractic Examination and
11 Registration;

13 (2) Board of Dental Examiners;

15 (3) Board of Registration in Medicine;

17 (4) State Board of Nursing;

19 (5) State Board of Optometry;

21 (6) Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration;

23 (7) Board of Commissioners of the Profession of
Pharmacy;

25 (8) Examiners of Podiatrists;

27 (9) Governor's Committee on Employment of the
29 Handicapped People with Disabilities;

31 (10) Division of Community Services; and

33 (11) Board of the Maine Children's Trust Fund.

35 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §12004-J, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1987, c.
887, §3, is further amended to read:

37 1. Employment: Governor's Committee Expenses 26 MRSA
39 Disabled on Employment of the Only §801
 Handicapped People
41 with Disabilities

43 **Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §799,** as amended by PL 1985, c. 295, §38 is
further amended to read:

45 As authorized by Title 5, chapter 379, the Governor's
47 Committee on Employment of the ~~Handicapped~~ People with
Disabilities is created and shall consist of 18 members appointed
by the Governor.

1 Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §801, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 176, Pt. A,
3 §9 is amended to read:

5 **§801. Powers and duties**

7 The powers and duties of the Governor's Committee on
9 Employment of ~~the-Handicapped~~ People with Disabilities are as follows:

11 1. **Advise, consult and assist.** Advise, consult and assist
13 the executive and legislative branches of State Government on
15 activities of State Government which affect the employment of
17 disabled people. The committee shall be solely advisory in
nature. The committee may advise regarding state and federal
plans, proposed budgetary, legislative or policy actions
affecting disabled persons;

19 2. **Advocate.** Serve as an advocate on behalf of disabled
21 citizens promoting and assisting activities designed to further
equal opportunity for people with disabilities;

23 3. **Information and education.** Conduct such educational
25 programs as committee members consider necessary to promote
27 public understanding of the needs and abilities of disabled
citizens of this State;

29 4. **Employment.** Provide information, training and technical
31 assistance to promote greater employer acceptance of disabled
33 workers; and advise and assist employers and other organizations
interested in developing employment opportunities for disabled
people; and

35 5. **Architectural barriers.** Inform the public of the
37 benefits of making buildings accessible to and useable usable by
persons with disabilities; monitor the enforcement of state and
39 federal laws regarding architectural accessibility; and advise
and assist building owners by disseminating information about
accessibility and by making technical assistance available when
appropriate.

41 A. A wheelchair symbol shall be appropriately displayed to
43 identify buildings with facilities which are accessible to
45 handicapped disabled and elderly persons, accessibility to
be determined by the Governor's Committee on Employment of
47 ~~the-Handicapped~~ People with Disabilities.

49 B. The symbol shall be that adopted by the Rehabilitation
International's World Congress in 1969.

1 C. Application for display of the wheelchair symbol shall
3 be made by the Governor's Committee on Employment of the
5 Handicapped People with Disabilities, who shall obtain and
keep on file a supply of symbols.

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9 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

11 This bill changes the name of the Governor's Committee on
13 Employment of the Handicapped to the Governor's Committee on
Employment of People with Disabilities.