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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WEYMOUTH of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative BAILEY of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Promote Maine's Participation in the Global Economy and to Enhance the Department of Economic and Community Development.



1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
3	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §934-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1987, c. 816, Pt. P, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:
5	1 Wains policy inclusions positions Who following
7	1. Major policy-influencing positions. The following positions are major policy-influencing positions with the Department of Economic and Community Development. These
9	positions shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and shall serve at his the commissioner's
1	pleasure. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, these positions and their successor positions shall be subject to this
L 3	chapter:
L 5	A. Deputy Commissioner of Administration Operations;
L 7	B. Deputy Commissioner for Business Development;
L 9	C. Deputy Commissioner for Community Development;
21	D. Deputy Commissioner for Tourism;
23	E. Associate Commissioner for Development Policy; and
25	F. Deputy Commissioner for Comprehensive Land Use Planning; and
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29	G. Associate Commissioner for International Programs.
31	Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13055, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1987, c. 816, Pt. P, §7, is further amended to read:
33 35	 Organizations. The department shall contain the following organizations:
37	A. The Office of Business Development;
39	B. The Office of Community Development;
41	C. The Office of Tourism;
43	D. The Division of Development Policy; and
45	E. The Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning. ;
 47	F. The Division of International Programs; and
1 <i>,</i> 19	G. The Office of the Commissioner.
51	Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13058, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 534, Pt. A, §§ 17 and 19, is amended to read:

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1	4. Coordinate programs and services. The commissioner shall may establish the Office of the Commissioner to coordinate
3	the programs and services of the department. The commissioner
5	shall coordinate the department's programs and services with those programs and services of other state agencies and regional
_	planning and economic development organizations.
7	Sec. 4. 5 MRSA c. 383, sub-c. VII is enacted to read:
9	SUBCHAPTER VII
11	INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
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15	§13115. Division of International Programs; established
	The commissioner may establish within the Department of
17	Economic and Community Development the Division of International Programs to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. The
19	Associate Commissioner for International Programs shall be the Director of the Division of International Programs.
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23	The Division of International Programs shall encourage Maine's participation in the international community and promote commercial, cultural, educational and other relationships with
25	other regions of the world.
27	§13116. Division of International Programs; duties
29	The division shall have the following powers and duties.
31	1. Information and communications network. The division shall compile and maintain information and data relevant to
33	international commerce; establish a communication network by
35	which information on the resources and assistance available from all government and private sources for the promotion of
33	international commerce shall be made available to individuals and
37	organizations; and refer people to the offices and programs that can best assist them.
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4 7	2. Technical assistance. The division, in cooperation with
11	the Office of Business Development, may undertake a program of technical assistance and support to businesses wishing to engage
13	in international commerce. This program may include, but shall
	not be limited to, the provision of information and assistance on
15	exporting operations and logistics; international licensing,
<u>1</u> 7	franchising, joint ventures and other forms of foreign
c /	involvement; government regulations and restrictions affecting international trade; foreign markets; and other topics relevant
19	to international commerce.
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51	3. Trade promotion. The division shall cooperate with the
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programs designed to promote Maine products in international markets; develop foreign markets for the products of industries located in Maine; introduce nonexporting firms to international trade; and expand the sales of presently exporting firms.

- 4. International investment. The division, in cooperation with the Office of Business Development, may develop and implement international investment programs to secure new investment in Maine companies that will result in greater competitiveness and more job opportunities; gain access to new technologies that will allow Maine firms to compete more effectively and thereby retain and expand job opportunities; discover underutilized resources that can be used to provide job opportunities; and locate subsidiaries of foreign companies in Maine that provide quality job opportunities.
- 5. Support and matching grants. The division may develop and implement programs providing assistance and discretionary matching grants to local, regional and statewide nonprofit agencies, municipalities, regional governments and associations and other organizations which sponsor international programs and relationships at the local, regional or statewide level.

6. Rules. Subject to the approval of the commissioner, the director may adopt, amend and repeal rules to carry out the purposes of this section.

7. Other activities. The division may undertake other activities that the commissioner considers appropriate and necessary to ensure the successful implementation of this section.

Sec. 5. Financial order required. The commissioner shall request, by financial order through the Bureau of the Budget, the funds, positions, equipment and property to be transferred from the Division of Development Policy to the Division of International Programs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill creates the Division of International Programs within the Department of Economic and Community Development and makes other necessary administrative changes to accommodate this new division and enhance the operation of the department.