

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 468

In Senate, April 20, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

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

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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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,  
5 Pt. P, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

7 **1. Major policy-influencing positions.** The following  
9 positions are major policy-influencing positions with the  
11 Department of Economic and Community Development. These  
13 positions shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and  
Community Development and shall serve at his the commissioner's  
pleasure. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, these  
positions and their successor positions shall be subject to this  
chapter:

- 15 A. Deputy Commissioner of Administration Operations;
- 17 B. Deputy Commissioner for Business Development;
- 19 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;  
27 ; and
- 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 **1. Organizations.** The department shall contain the  
35 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
- 49 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:



1 programs designed to promote Maine products in international  
3 markets; develop foreign markets for the products of industries  
4 located in Maine; introduce nonexporting firms to international  
5 trade; and expand the sales of presently exporting firms.

7 4. International investment. The division, in cooperation  
8 with the Office of Business Development, may develop and  
9 implement international investment programs to secure new  
10 investment in Maine companies that will result in greater  
11 competitiveness and more job opportunities; gain access to new  
12 technologies that will allow Maine firms to compete more  
13 effectively and thereby retain and expand job opportunities;  
14 discover underutilized resources that can be used to provide job  
15 opportunities; and locate subsidiaries of foreign companies in  
16 Maine that provide quality job opportunities.

17 5. Support and matching grants. The division may develop  
18 and implement programs providing assistance and discretionary  
19 matching grants to local, regional and statewide nonprofit  
20 agencies, municipalities, regional governments and associations  
21 and other organizations which sponsor international programs and  
22 relationships at the local, regional or statewide level.

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

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

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

#### 34 STATEMENT OF FACT

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