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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1512, L.D. 2092, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Travel Information Advisory Council"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this Act requires a study with a report to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature; and

Whereas, commencing the study as soon as possible will facilitate its completion in a timely fashion; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Membership. The Travel Information Advisory Council is composed of 9 members appointed by the Governor as follows:

A. One representative of the lodging industry;

B. One representative of the restaurant industry;

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2 C. One representative of garden clubs;

4 D. One representative of agriculture;

6 E. One representative of the recreation industry;

8 F. One representative of environmental organizations;

10 G. One representative of nonprofit historical and cultural
institutions;

12 H. One representative of sign designers and fabrication
artisans; and

14 I. One representative of the general public.

16 These members are appointed to 2-year terms of office expiring on
18 January 16th, with the terms of those members appointed under
20 paragraphs A, B, C, and D expiring in odd-numbered years and the
22 terms of those members appointed under paragraphs E, F, G, H, and
I expiring in even-numbered years.

24 The council shall also have two legislative members until the
adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 115th
26 Legislature, to be appointed as follows:

28 J. One Senator appointed by the President of the Senate to
a term concurrent with the term to which the member of the
30 Senate is elected;

32 K. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by
the Speaker of the House of Representatives to a term
34 concurrent with the term to which the member of the House of
Representatives is elected;

36 If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of a term of any
38 member, including legislative members, that vacancy must be
filled by the appointing authority as provided in this subsection
40 for the remainder of that term.'

42 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

44 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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FISCAL NOTE

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It is anticipated that all costs associated with this legislation would be absorbed by the Department of Transportation (Administration and Planning, Acct. #05720.5) utilizing existing resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The amendment retains the requirement of the bill that the Travel Information Advisory Council study the operation of the Maine Traveler Information Services Act, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 21 and report with any recommendations to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature. The amendment adds two legislative members to the council, but only temporarily, during the study period.

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The amendment gives a seat on the council to a representative of garden clubs instead of the Keep Maine Scenic Committee, which no longer exists. It also places in statute the staggered dates of the various terms, in accordance with current practice.

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The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and clause and a fiscal note.

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