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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Concerning the Travel Information Advisory Council.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec 1. 23 MRSA §1904, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1983, c. 812,
4	§141, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
б	3. Membership. The Travel Information Advisory Council is composed of 11 members appointed as follows:
8	A One Senator appointed by the President of the Senate to
10	A. One Senator appointed by the President of the Senate to a term concurrent with the term to which the member of the Senate is elected;
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14	B. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to a term concurrent with the term to which the member of the House of
16	Representatives is elected;
18	<u>C. One representative of the lodging industry appointed by the Governor;</u>
20	D. One representative of the restaurant industry appointed
22	by the Governor;
24	E. One representative of the recreation industry appointed by the Governor;
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28	F. One representative of the Keep Maine Scenic Committee appointed by the Governor;
30	<u>G. One representative of agriculture appointed by the Governor;</u>
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34	H. One representative of environmental organizations appointed by the Governor;
36	I. One representative of nonprofit historical and cultural institutions appointed by the Governor;
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40	J. One representative of sign designers and fabrication artisans appointed by the Governor; and
42	<u>K. One representative of the general public appointed by the Governor.</u>
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46	Members are appointed to 2-year terms of office. If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of a term, that vacancy must be filled by the appointing authority as provided in this subsection
48	for the remainder of that term.

2	Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1904, sub-§§4 and 5, are enacted to read:
4	4. Meetings and compensation. Meetings must be held at the
б	<u>call of the chair or at the call of more than 1/2 of the membership. Members of the council, except state employees, are</u>
8	<u>entitled to compensation according to the provisions of Title 5,</u> <u>chapter 379. All council expenses must be paid from the account</u>
10	established by section 1919.
12	5. Chair. The Governor shall appoint the chair of the council.
14	Sec. 3. Study and report. The Travel Information Advisory
16	Council shall conduct a study of the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 21 and the rules adopted by
18	the Department of Transportation to implement Title 23, chapter 21. The purpose of the study is to determine:
20	 The degree to which the provisions of Title 23, chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to that chapter meet the needs
22	and serve the best interests of the public;
24	2. The need for additional signs better to assist the traveling public and the criteria by which the need for
26	additional signs for specific sites and facilities is to be determined; and
28	3. Whether there are alternatives to existing law and rules
30	or changes that need to be made to existing law and rules better to serve the needs of the traveling public, the citizens of Maine
32	and the State.
34	The Travel Information Advisory Council shall report its findings, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to
36	the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature.
38	Sec. 4. Current membership. Nothing in this Act may be construed to require the appointment of an entirely new Travel
40	Information Advisory Council. The current members of the council shall serve until the terms to which they were appointed expire.
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44	STATEMENT OF FACT
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48	This bill proposes to add 2 new members to the Travel Information Advisory Council which is concerned with signs
50	erected along Maine's highways to direct the traveling public. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of
52	the Senate each appoint one person to the council. The Governor continues to appoint the remaining 9 members.
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The council will examine current law and the rules that have been adopted by the Department of Transportation with respect to the erection of signs to direct the traveling public to sites and facilities in Maine. The purpose of the study is to determine whether the policy and rules are in the best interests of Maine citizens, the traveling public and the State. The council will determine whether additional signs are necessary better to direct people to their destinations and the criteria necessary to make decisions regarding additional signs. The council will report its findings along with any necessary implementing legislation to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature.

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