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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 192, L.D. 274, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1991 and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law"

Amend the bill by striking out all of Part X and inserting in its place the following:

PART X

Sec. X-1. 5 MRSA §12004-J, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

<u>9.</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>5 MRSA</u>
<u>Families,</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Only for</u>	<u>§15193</u>
<u>Health and</u>	<u>on Govern-</u>	<u>Members</u>	
<u>Rehabili-</u>	<u>mental</u>	<u>Who Are</u>	
<u>tation</u>	<u>Restructuring</u>	<u>Not State</u>	
		<u>Employees</u>	

Sec. X-2. 5 MRSA c. 405 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 405

SPECIAL COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL
RESTRUCTURING

§15193. Commission established

The Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring, as established in Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 9, is an independent commission that must advise, consult and assist the executive and legislative branches of State Government with implementing this chapter. The commission shall develop and present to the Governor and the Legislature by December 15, 1991

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2 a plan to maximize citizen participation in public policy making
3 by using public resources more effectively. It is the intent of
4 the Legislature that the plan include a proposal to attain this
5 objective by consolidating, restructuring and streamlining
6 existing advisory groups related to the subject matter of this
7 chapter.

8 1. Membership. The commission consists of no more than 21
9 members. The Governor shall appoint 11 members. The President
10 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
11 shall jointly appoint 10 members. The chair of the commission
12 must be a qualified member of the commission chosen by vote of
13 the commission. A member of the commission may not be an
14 official, employee, consultant or any other individual employed
15 or retained by the executive branch of State Government. If
16 possible, appointees to the commission must have been or be
17 current members of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and
18 Families; the Governor's Task Force to Improve Services for
19 Maine's Children, Youth and Families; the Systems Assessment
20 Commission; the Commission to Study the Level of Services for
21 Maine's Elderly Citizens; or the Special Select Commission on
22 Access to Health Care.

23 2. Resources available to commission. The following
24 resources are available to the commission.

25 A. Any balances of funds appropriated to the commission
26 remaining at the end of a fiscal year do no lapse but are
27 carried forward from year to year to be expended for the
28 same purposes.

29 B. In addition to funds appropriated for the purposes of
30 this chapter and funds otherwise available, the Department
31 of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall, to the extent
32 possible, provide staff and administrative assistance to
33 support activities of the commission.

34 3. Appointment. Members must be appointed within 7 days of
35 the effective date of this Act.

36 **Sec. X-3. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the
37 Legislature to consolidate, restructure, realign functions of the
38 Department of Human Services, Department of Mental Health and
39 Mental Retardation and other departments, agencies or units of
40 the executive branch of the State Government in order to
41 encourage, enhance and support the human development of children,
42 adults, elderly persons and families.

43 It is further the intent of the Legislature to streamline
44 administration and services through functional integration of
45 similar operations.

2 It is further the intent of the Legislature to create
4 unified and functionally integrated operating agencies to
coordinate and consolidate the effective delivery of services to
those populations.

6 **Sec. X-4. Report.** The Special Commission on Governmental
8 Restructuring shall submit a draft plan for restructuring to the
Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the
10 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
on or before May 1, 1991.

12 **Sec. X-5. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
14 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

16 1991-92

18 **MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL**
20 **RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

22 **Special Commission on Governmental**
Restructuring

24 All Other \$25,000

26 Provides funds to establish
28 the Special Commission on
Governmental Restructuring.'

30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 This amendment amends Part X of the bill and clarifies the
34 legislative intent concerning the restructuring of the executive
branch of State Government. The amendment retains the Maine
36 Commission of Families, Health and Rehabilitation, renaming it
the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring.

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