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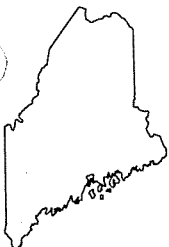
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln
Cosponsored by Representative SAVAGE of Union.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Provide New Flags for the State, Governor, National Guard
and Merchant and Marine.**



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 **Sec. 1.** 1 MRSA §201 is amended by inserting at the end 2 new paragraphs to read:

6 The seal of the State without any rays issuing from the star
8 in the crest and without a forest and shore scene on the shield,
10 in possession of the Secretary of State, is the official state
12 seal.

14 The Secretary of State shall issue specifications of the
16 state seal. All state seals must conform with the specifications
18 issued by the Secretary of State.

20 **Sec. 2.** 1 MRSA §206 is repealed and the following enacted in
22 its place:

24 **§206. State flag**

26 The flag of the State is buff charged with the emblem of the
28 State, a pine tree proper in the center and the polar star, a
30 mullet of 5 points in blue in the upper corner, to be equidistant
32 from the hoist and the upper border of the flag. The distance
34 from the 2 borders to the center of the star is to be equal to
36 about 1/4 of the hoist, this distance and the size of the star
38 being proportionate to the size of the flag.

40 The Secretary of State shall procure and display a flag made
42 in accordance with the description in this section in the
44 Secretary of State's office and shall issue specifications of the
46 proportions, coloring and exact design details of the flag of the
48 State.

50 **Sec. 3.** 1 MRSA §207 is repealed and the following enacted in
its place:

§207. Merchant and marine flag

The merchant and marine flag of the State is the same as the
flag of the State described in section 206.

All state ferries and ships of the Maine Maritime Academy
must fly the merchant and marine flag of the State.

Sec. 4. 1 MRSA §219 is enacted to read:

§219. Governor's flag

The flag of the Governor is blue, of the same color as the
blue field in the flag of the United States and of the following

2 dimensions and designs. The length or height of the staff must
4 be proportionate to the size of the flag. In the center of the
6 flag there must be embroidered or appliqued on both sides of the
8 flag, the coat of arms of the State in proportionate size. The
10 edges must be trimmed with knotted fringe of yellow, 2 1/2 inches
12 wide. A cord with tassels comprised of white and blue strands
14 must be attached to the staff at the spearhead.

16 The Governor and the Secretary of State shall procure and
18 display flags made in accordance with the description in this
20 section in the Governor's and the Secretary of State's offices.
22 The Secretary of State shall issue specifications of the
24 proportions, coloring and exact design details of the Governor's
26 flag.

28 **Sec. 5. 1 MRSA §220 is enacted to read:**

30 **§220. State coat of arms**

32 The coat of arms of the State is the same as the seal of the
34 State described in section 201 without an encircling ring.

36 The Secretary of State shall procure and display a heraldic
38 blazon of the coat of arms of the State in the Secretary of
40 State's office and shall issue specifications of the coat of arms
42 of the State. All models and representations of the coat of arms
44 of the State must conform with the specifications issued by the
46 Secretary of State.

48 **Sec. 6. 37-B MRSA §384, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 460, §3, is**
50 **repealed and the following enacted in its place:**

§384. National Guard flag

The flag carried by the Maine National Guard is the same as
the flag of the Governor described in Title 1, section 219, with
the addition of a scroll in red below the coat of arms of the
State bearing the inscription "Maine National Guard."

The Secretary of State and the Adjutant General shall
procure and display flags made in accordance with the description
in this section in the Secretary of State's and the Adjutant
General's offices. The Secretary of State shall issue
specifications of the flag of the Maine National Guard.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes new flags for the State, Governor, National Guard and for the merchant and marine. It requires that

2 model flags be procured and displayed by the Governor, the
Secretary of State and the Adjutant General, and that the
4 Secretary of State issue specifications for the new flags. It
requires state ferries and ships of the Maine Maritime Academy to
6 fly the merchant and marine flag of the State. The bill provides
that the seal in possession of the Secretary of State without any
8 rays issuing from the star in the crest and without a forest and
shore scene on the shield is the official state seal. The bill
10 provides that the state coat of arms is the same as the state
seal.