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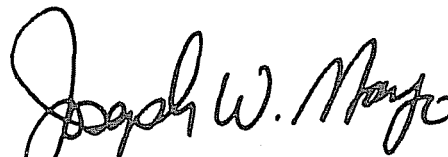
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H.P. 1140

House of Representatives, May 24, 1993

Resolve, Relating to Access for People with Disabilities.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Hallowell.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission Created and Charged. Resolved:** That there
is established the Persons with Disabilities Access Commission,
referred to in this resolve as "the commission." The commission
4 shall:

6 1. Review and compare the federal Americans with
Disabilities Act and Maine law and rules concerning access for
8 persons with disabilities, including the Maine Human Rights Act
and provisions of Title 25;

10 2. Recommend changes in Maine law and rules needed to
12 provide the greatest amount of structural and programmatic access
currently required under either federal law or state law, so that
14 compliance with state law will meet at least the minimum
requirements of the federal law; and

16 3. Plan for implementation to meet the needs of people with
18 disabilities, and businesses and others required to comply with
the law; and be it further

20 **Sec. 2. Appointment. Resolved:** That the commission consists
22 of 25 members appointed in the following manner:

24 1. One member representing architects and design
professionals, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate
26 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

28 2. Two members representing statewide organizations of
business interests in Maine, appointed jointly by the President
30 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

32 3. One member representing the construction industry,
appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker
34 of the House of Representatives;

36 4. Two members representing labor interests, appointed
jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
38 House of Representatives;

40 5. Seven members representing persons with disabilities,
including at least one person with at least one of each of the
42 following disabilities, appointed by the Governor:

44 A. Mobility disabilities;

46 B. Blindness;

48 C. Auditory impairments or deafness;

50 D. Mental retardation; and

E. Other types of disabilities or diseases.

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4 6. One member representing code enforcement officers,
appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker
of the House of Representatives;

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8 7. The Executive Director of the Maine Human Rights
Commission, or the executive director's designee, who shall serve
as the commission's chair;

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12 8. The State Fire Marshal, or the State Fire Marshal's
designee;

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16 9. One member representing the protection and advocacy
agency designated by the Governor under Title 5, section 19502,
appointed by the Governor;

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20 10. The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's
designee;

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24 11. The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
designee;

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28 12. The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation,
or the commissioner's designee;

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32 13. The Commissioner of the Department of Human Services,
or the commissioner's designee;

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36 14. The Commissioner of the Department of Economic and
Community Development, or the commissioner's designee;

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40 15. The Director of the Job Service Division, Maine
Department of Labor, or the director's designee; and

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44 16. Two members of the public, appointed jointly by the
President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
Representatives.

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48 All appointments must be made within 30 days of the effective
date of this resolve; and be it further

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52 **Sec. 3. Chair. Resolved:** That the chair shall call the first
meeting of the commission as soon as funding permits. At the
first meeting or a subsequent meeting, the commission may select
a vice chair from among its members and establish programmatic
and structural committees; and be it further

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56 **Sec. 4. Meetings. Resolved:** That the commission may meet as
often as necessary; and be it further

