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## 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 471

In Senate, April 11, 1995

An Act to Establish the Maine Outdoor Recreation Council.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS

Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator O'DEA of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Senator: MICHAUD of Penobscot.

| B        | e it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:   |
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|          | Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:  |
| <u>C</u> | 3-A. Maine Not 12 MRSA  onservation Outdoor Authorized §611  Recreation  Council   |
|          | Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §611 is enacted to read:   |
| Ş        | 611. Maine Outdoor Recreation Council  |
| t]       | 1. Advisory council established; compensation. There is stablished the Maine Outdoor Recreation Council, referred to in his section as the "council." The members of the council eceive no compensation. |
| m        | 2. Members. The council consists of the following lembers:   |
|          | A. The Director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation;   |
|          | B. The Director of the Bureau of Public Lands;   |
|          | C. The Director of Information and Education in the Department of Conservation;  |
|          | D. The Director of Public Information in the Department o Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;   |
|          | E. The Deputy Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  |
|          | F. The Director of the State Planning Office in the Executive Department:  |
|          | G. One person representing the Office of Tourism in th   |
|          | Department of Economic and Community Development;  |
|          | H. Three people representing the interests of outdoo recreation businesses;  |
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|          | I. One person representing the interests of the State'<br>sporting camp owners, appointed by the Governor;   |
|          | J. One person representing the interests of larg landowners, appointed by the Governor;  |
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|          | K. One person representing the interests of a statewid<br>organization of sports or outdoor enthusiasts, appointed b<br>the Governor; and  |

| 2  | L. One person representing the interests of a statewide recreationists association, appointed by the Governor.   |
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| 4  | 3. Chair. The members of the council shall annually choose   |
| 6  | from among themselves a chair who is responsible for conducting the business of the council.   |
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| 10 | 4. Goals. The goals of the council are as follows:   |
| 12 | A. To serve as a forum on outdoor recreation for State Government, private landowners, commercial outdoor recreation providers and outdoor recreationists, and to                  |
| 14 | foster communication and improve relationships among these parties:  |
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| 18 | B. To coordinate state policies and programs on outdoor recreation; and  |
| 20 | C. To plan and promote outdoor recreation initiatives and programs, both private and public.   |
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| 24 | 5. Report. The council shall submit a report to the Legislature by December 1st of each year including observations, evaluations and recommendations approved by a majority of the |
| 26 | council. The council may provide its report to any agency of State Government potentially affected by the council's  |
| 28 | recommendations.   |
| 30 | 6. Assistance. Within available funds, the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation shall provide staff  |
| 32 | assistance to the council in the conduct of its business.  |
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| 36 | STATEMENT OF FACT  |
| 38 | This bill establishes the Maine Outdoor Recreation Council. The council consists of 14 members representing State Government,  |
| 40 | business interests and various public interests. The council is established for the purpose of coordinating the development and  |
| 42 | promotion of outdoor recreation and facilities in the State.  Members of the council receive no compensation. The council  |
| 44 | receives assistance, within available resources, from the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation.  |