

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. 93.

L.D. 1802

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**BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1318, L.D. 1802, Bill, "An Act to Consolidate and Improve Delivery of International Trade Services in Maine"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the State is in a position to provide better international trade services to its citizens and businesses; and

**Whereas,** the State has the opportunity to create well-paid jobs in the manufacturing sector if exports are expanded; and

**Whereas,** immediate action is needed in order to best capitalize on developing the State's competitive trading advantages to create these jobs; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1318, L.D. 1802

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13063-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 519, §1, is repealed.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "§13070-C." in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Director" the following: ', subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters and confirmation by the Legislature.'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated "§945-C." in subsection 2 in the last line (page 4, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Development." the following: 'The other 4 directors must have international business or professional experience.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 6. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1996-97

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**International Commerce Division**

All Other (\$220,700)

Provides for the deappropriation of All Other funds from the International Commerce Division for the general operation of the Maine International Trade Center.

**Office of Business Development**

All Other (45,833)

Provides for the deappropriation of All Other funds from the Maine Education Training Export Partnership Program for the general operation of the Maine International Trade Center.

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
TOTAL**

(266,533)

2 MAINE WORLD TRADE ASSOCIATION

4 Maine World Trade Association

6 All Other (114,583)

8 Provides for the deappropriation of All  
10 Other funds for the general operation of the  
12 Maine International Trade Center.

12 MAINE WORLD TRADE ASSOCIATION  
14 TOTAL (114,583)

16 MAINE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER

18 Maine International Trade Center

20 All Other 381,116

22 Provides for the appropriation of All Other  
24 funds for the general operation of the  
center.

26 MAINE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER  
TOTAL 381,116

30 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$-0-

32 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 9 and  
34 inserting in its place the following:

36 'Sec. 9. Effective date. Those sections of this Act that repeal  
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13063-A and Title 5,  
chapter 107-A take effect August 1, 1996.

38 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the  
40 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved, except as  
42 otherwise indicated.'

44 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

46 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
48 statement of fact the following:

2 **FISCAL NOTE**

4 The bill creates the Maine International Trade Center and  
6 provides it with a General Fund appropriation of \$381,116 in  
8 fiscal year 1996-97. Funds totaling \$381,116 are deappropriated  
10 in the same fiscal year: \$266,533 from the Department of Economic  
12 and Community Development and \$114,583 from the Maine World Trade  
14 Association.'

12 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

14 The original bill consolidates activities dealing with  
16 international trade that are currently in 3 agencies. The  
18 Governor is to appoint a Maine International Trade Director who  
20 reports to the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
22 and is responsible for developing international trade. This  
24 individual, if confirmed by the board of the newly formed Maine  
International Trade Center, also becomes president and board  
member of that center and must be reconfirmed by the board as  
president every 2 years. The center's responsibility is to  
provide services to citizens and industry to assist international  
trade.

26 This amendment makes the bill emergency legislation except  
28 for the provisions that repeal the existing international trade  
30 agencies. It requires that the International Trade Director be  
32 confirmed by the Legislature on initial appointment. It adds a  
revenue-neutral appropriations section, which merely transfers  
existing funds to the new organization. The amendment also adds  
a revenue-neutral fiscal note.