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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 833, L.D. 1138, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999"

Amend the amendment by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

PART R

Sec. R-1. Commission established. The Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses, referred to in this Part as the "commission," is established.

Sec. R-2. Commission membership. The commission consists of 13 members. The Governor shall appoint 5 members, to include one member from the Governor's cabinet, 2 members representing the business sector, one member representing nonstate employee unions and one state employee. The President of the Senate shall appoint 4 members, to include one Senator, one member representing the private sector, one member representing a business employing fewer than 50 people and one member from the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 4 members, to include one Representative, one member representing the public sector, one member representing a business employing fewer than 50 people and one member from the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development.

Sec. R-3. Appointments; meetings. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be

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2 notified by all appointing authorities once the selections have
3 been made. Within 15 days after appointment of all members, the
4 Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first
5 meeting of the commission. The commission shall select a chair
6 from among its members.

7 **Sec. R-4. Duties.** The commission shall study the effect of
8 government regulation on small businesses throughout the State.

9 **Sec. R-5. Staff assistance.** The commission may request staffing
10 assistance from the Legislative Council.

11 **Sec. R-6. Reimbursement; mileage and other costs associated with**
12 **commission participation.** The legislative members of the commission
13 are entitled to legislative per diem as defined in the Maine
14 Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel
15 and other necessary expenses. Other members are not entitled to
16 compensation for attendance at meetings of the commission.
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18 **Sec. R-7. Report.** No later than December 15, 1997, the
19 commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary
20 implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on
21 Business and Economic Development and the Executive Director of
22 the Legislative Council. The Joint Standing Committee on
23 Business and Economic Development is authorized to report out any
24 legislation during the Second Regular Session of the 118th
25 Legislature concerning the findings and recommendations of the
26 commission.
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28 If the commission requires an extension, it may apply to the
29 Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.
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31 **Sec. R-8. Funding.** The commission may seek outside sources of
32 funding.
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34 **Sec. R-9. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
35 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.
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40 **Effect of Government Regulation on**
41 **Small Businesses**

42	Personal Services	\$1,320
43	All Other	1,700

2 TOTAL \$3,020

4 Provides funds for the per
6 diem and expenses of
8 legislative members and
10 miscellaneous costs,
12 including printing, of the
Blue Ribbon Commission to
Study the Effect of
Government Regulation on
Small Businesses.

14 **Sec. R-10. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
16 Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Part.

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24 Effect of Government Regulation on
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26 All Other \$500

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28 Allocates funds to be used as
30 a base allocation in the
32 event that outside sources of
34 funding are received to
36 support the expenses of the
Blue Ribbon Commission to
Study the Effect of
Government Regulation on
Small Businesses.'

38 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
40 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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FISCAL NOTE

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46 The amendment provides a General Fund appropriation to the
48 Legislature of \$3,020 in fiscal year 1997-98 for the per diem and
expenses of legislative members and miscellaneous costs,
including printing of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the
Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses. This

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2 results in an increase to the General Fund cost of the bill of
\$3,020 in fiscal year 1997-98.

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SUMMARY

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8 This amendment establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission to
Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses.

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