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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 422

In Senate, March 4, 1997

**Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effect of  
Government Regulation on Small Businesses in Maine.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and  
ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MacKINNON of York.  
Cosponsored by Senators: JENKINS of Androscoggin, LIBBY of York, Representative:  
VIGUE of Winslow.

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

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6           **Whereas,** this resolve establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission  
to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses;  
and

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10           **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day  
period expires in order that the study may be completed and the  
report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative  
12 session; and

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

20           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Blue Ribbon  
Commission to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small  
22 Businesses, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is  
established; and be it further

24           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission  
26 consists of 12 members appointed as follows: The Governor shall  
appoint 6 members, to include at least 2 members from the  
28 Governor's cabinet, one member representing the business sector,  
one member representing employee unions and one state employee;  
30 the Speaker of the House shall appoint 3 members, to include at  
least one Representative and one member representing the public  
32 sector; and the President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members,  
to include at least one Senator and one member representing the  
34 private sector; and be it further

36           **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all  
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
38 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the  
Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing  
40 authorities once the selections have been made. Within 15 days  
after appointment of all members, the Chair of the Legislative  
42 Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the  
commission. The commission shall select a chair from among its  
44 members; and be it further

46           **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study the  
effect of government regulation on small businesses throughout  
48 the State; and be it further

50           **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission may  
request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council; and be  
52 it further

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**Sec. 6. Expenses. Resolved:** That the members of the commission may not receive any compensation or reimbursement for expenses; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That no later than December 15, 1997, the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development is authorized to report out any legislation during the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature concerning the findings and recommendations of the commission.

If the commission requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

**SUMMARY**

This resolve establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Business in Maine.