

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1532

House of Representatives, January 23, 1998

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### An Act to Establish an Advisory Commission on Women Veterans.

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and  
Representatives: BELANGER of Wallagrass, BIGL of Bucksport, CHIZMAR of Lisbon,  
GAMACHE of Lewiston, LABRECQUE of Gorham, TESSIER of Fairfield, TRUE of  
Fryeburg, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4           **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

6           **5-B.**           **Advisory**           **Expenses**           **37-B MRSA**  
7           **Defense and**   **Commission**       **Only**            **§1151**  
8           **Veterans'**       **on Women**  
9           **Services**           **Veterans**

10           **Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA c. 25** is enacted to read:

12                                   **CHAPTER 25**

14                                   **WOMEN VETERANS**

16           **§1151. Advisory Commission on Women Veterans**

18           **1. Establishment.**    The Advisory Commission on Women  
19           Veterans, as established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection  
20           5-B and referred to in this section as the "commission," shall  
21           act as an advisory commission to the Department of Defense and  
22           Veterans' Services on issues affecting women veterans. The  
23           commission shall also serve as a liaison between women veterans  
24           and the Veterans Administration Hospital at Togus.

26           **2. Membership.**    The commission is composed of no fewer than  
27           3 and no more than 5 members, all of whom must be women veterans,  
28           to be appointed by the Adjutant General.

30           **3. Chair.**           The commission shall elect a chair from among  
31           its members.

32           **4. Terms of office.**   The term of office of a member is 3  
33           years.

36           **5. Compensation.**    Members of the commission are entitled to  
37           be reimbursed for their expenses.

38           **6. Staff assistance.**   The Department of Defense and  
39           Veterans' Services shall provide assistance to the commission in  
40           the conduct of its business.

42           **7. Meetings.**           The commission shall meet at least 3 times a  
43           year.

46           **8. Duties.**            The duties of the commission are to:

48           A. Advise the Department of Defense and Veterans' Services  
49           on issues affecting women veterans; and

2 B. Serve as a liaison between women veterans and the  
3 Veterans Administration Hospital at Togus.

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#### 6 SUMMARY

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8 This bill establishes the Advisory Commission on Women  
9 Veterans to advise the Department of Defense and Veterans'  
10 Services on issues affecting women veterans and to serve as a  
liaison between women veterans and the Veterans Administration  
Hospital at Togus.