

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 759

House of Representatives, February 20, 2001

**Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Relationship Between  
Alcohol Sales and Substance Abuse in the State of Maine.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, LOVETT of Scarborough,

Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, SMALL of Sagadahoc.

2           **Sec. 1. Study commission established. Resolved:** That the  
Commission to Study the Relationship Between Alcohol Sales and  
4           Substance Abuse in the State of Maine, referred to in this  
resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

6           **Sec. 2. Members. Resolved:** That the commission is composed  
of 7 members as follows:

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10           1. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed  
by the Speaker of the House;

12           2. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of  
the Senate;

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16           3. The Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation  
and Substance Abuse Services or the commissioner's designee; and

18           4. One member appointed by the Governor; and be it further

20           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first named Senate member  
is the Senate chair and the first named House member is the House  
22           chair; and be it further

24           **Sec. 4. Duties of commission. Resolved:** That the commission  
shall:

26           1. Study the relationship between liquor sales and  
28           substance abuse in Maine;

30           2. Study the impact of substance abuse on individuals and  
their families;

32           3. Study the financial impact of substance abuse on state  
34           and community resources, including the health care and  
corrections system;

36           4. Perform an evaluation of the availability of treatment  
38           and other services currently being provided; and

40           5. Recommend changes to lessen the impact of substance  
abuse in the State; and be it further

42           **Sec. 5. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all  
44           appointments must be made within 30 days of the effective date of  
this resolve; and be it further

46           **Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That members of the  
48           commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the  
legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,  
50           Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for necessary expenses

2 incurred for their attendance at authorized meetings of the  
3 commission. Public members who are not otherwise compensated by  
4 their employer or other entities whom they represent are entitled  
5 to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses for their  
6 attendance at meetings of the commission. The Executive Director  
7 of the Legislative Council shall administer the commission's  
8 budget; and be it further

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10 **Sec. 7. Staffing. Resolved:** That, upon approval of the  
11 Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
12 shall provide staff assistance to the commission; and be it  
13 further

14 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit  
15 its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,  
16 to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature by January  
17 15, 2002. If the commission requires a limited extension of time  
18 to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative Council,  
19 which may grant the extension.  
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## 22 SUMMARY

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24 This resolve creates the Commission to Study the  
25 Relationship Between Alcohol Sales and Substance Abuse in the  
26 State of Maine.