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An Act to Create the Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy.

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway. Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CARR of Lincoln, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JONES of Greenville, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TREADWELL of Carmel,

Senator: President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot.

_	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 12-A is enacted to read:
4	CHAPTER 12-A
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	MAINE-CANADA ENVOY
	§261. Office created
	The Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy is established within the Executive Department and is autonomous from any other state
	agency.
	§262. Appointment; term; compensation
	The Governor shall appoint an envoy to head the Office of Maine-Canada Envoy, referred to in this chapter as the "envoy," subject to confirmation by the Senate. The envoy must be chosen
	without reference to party affiliation and solely on the ground of professional competence to perform the duties of that office.
	The envoy appointed in 2003 holds office until January 1, 2005. Thereafter, the envoy holds office for a term of 4 years. An
	envoy may be reappointed. The compensation of the envoy is fixed by the Governor.
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	<u>§263. Duties</u>
	The envoy has, upon consent of the Governor, the duties and
	powers established under the following provisions governing relations with Canada.
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	1. Administration. The envoy shall administer the Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy. In exercising the administration of
	the office, the envoy shall formulate policies, establish
	organizational and operational procedures and exercise general
	supervision. The envoy shall employ, with the approval of the
	Governor and subject to the Civil Service Law, those assistants
	as are necessary to carry out this chapter. The envoy shall adopt a seal for use in the official business of the office. The envoy
	has custody and control of the facilities provided for the
	administration of this chapter.
	2. Advice. The envoy shall advise the Governor, the
	Legislature and the directors of other appropriate state departments or agencies on appropriate steps needed to coordinate
	state policy and state actions on commerce and other relations
	with Canadian archinges

2	3. Representation. The envoy shall represent the State at
	the national level for matters between the United States and
4	Canada that involve the State.
6	4. Research assistance; publications. The envoy shall
	assist the State and Maine businesses to develop and increase
8	trade relations with Canada. The envoy shall perform market
	research and provide this research and trade leads and
10	information to Maine businesses looking to locate their products
	and services for export. The envoy shall publish reports,
12	bulletins and other publications that promote the objectives of
	this chapter.
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	5. Coordination. The envoy shall coordinate trade-related
16	activities such as trade shows, seminars and conferences related
	to Maine-made or Canadian-made products.
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	6. Intermediary. The envoy shall act as an intermediary
20	between the State, Maine businesses and citizens and Canada for
	any problems that arise regarding trade issues.
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	7. Examination of public records. The envoy has the right
24	of reasonable access to and examination of all state and local
	government records that are reasonably related to the duties of
26	the envoy.
28	8. Biennial report. The envoy shall report biennially to
	the Governor and Legislature facts and recommendations related to
30	the work and needs of the Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy.
32	9. Rules. The envoy may adopt rules necessary to carry out
	the purposes of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this
34	subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375,
	subchapter II-A.
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	Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2003.
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42	This bill creates the Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy. The
	envoy is appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate
44	for a term of 4 years. The envoy has the following duties:
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46	1. To act as the Maine representative for relations with
	Canada to ensure the coordination of state policy when dealing
48	with Canada;

- 2. To perform research and provide assistance to State Government, businesses and citizens to increase trade with Canada;
- 3. To act as an intermediary between Maine businesses and citizens and Canada for trade; and
 - 4. To administer the Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy.