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121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 785

House of Representatives, March 4, 2003

An Act To Abolish the State Planning Office

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, CARR of Lincoln, CURLEY of Scarborough, LEWIN of Eliot, VAUGHAN of Durham.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 311**, as amended, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13060-A** is enacted to read:

8 **§13060-A. Regional economic development program relocation
requirement**

10 To be eligible for state funding, a regional economic
12 development organization established under the department must
14 relocate every 5 years to a municipality that is located at least
30 miles from the current location but within the region or
county in which the program is located.

16 **Sec. 3. Abolition of State Planning Office; implementation.** The
18 Department of Economic and Community Development shall review the
20 functions, duties and responsibilities of the State Planning
22 Office. The department shall prepare a proposal that reallocates
24 essential functions of the State Planning Office to other state
26 agencies, bureaus or departments. The department shall present
28 its proposal, along with any necessary implementing legislation,
to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and
Economic Development no later than December 10, 2003. Following
receipt and review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on
Business, Research and Economic Development may report out to the
Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature legislation based
on the report.

30 **Sec. 4. Effective date.** That section of this Act that repeals
32 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 311 takes effect
July 15, 2005.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill requires that a regional economic development
38 organization must relocate every 5 years to a municipality that
is physically located at least 30 miles from the current location
40 in order to be eligible for state funding. It also abolishes the
State Planning Office within the Executive Department.