

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 8, 2005

### **An Act To Require Agricultural Representation on the Maine Tourism Commission**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.  
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: CROSBY of Topsham, FARRINGTON of Gorham, JACOBSEN of  
Waterboro, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, RECTOR of Thomaston.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13090-F, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2003, c.  
198, §10, is further amended to read:

6       **1. Maine Tourism Commission.** The Maine Tourism Commission,  
8 established by section 12004-I, subsection 87 and referred to in  
10 this section as the "commission," shall assist and advise the  
12 Office of Tourism to achieve its purpose under section 13090-C.  
The commission consists of 24 25 voting members appointed by the  
Governor as follows:

14       A. Three members representing the outdoor sporting  
interests of the State, including:

16               (1) One member representing a statewide organization  
18 of hunters, anglers and trappers;

20               (2) One member representing the interests of large  
landowners; and

22               (3) One member representing a statewide organization  
24 of licensed Maine guides;

26       B. Eight public members who represent their respective  
28 regions and have experience in the field or have  
demonstrated concern for the travel industry; and

30       C. Thirteen members of major tourism trade associations,  
including:

32               (1) At least one member representing a statewide  
34 organization of hotels, motels and inns;

36               (2) At least one member representing a statewide  
organization of restaurants;

38               (3) At least one member representing a statewide  
40 organization of campground owners;

42               (4) At least one member representing the retail sector  
in the State;

44               (5) At least one member representing the motorcoach  
46 industry;

48               (6) At least one member representing the air  
transportation industry;

2 (7) At least one member representing arts and cultural  
organizations; and

4 (8) At least one member representing a statewide  
6 organization of children's camps; and

8 D. One member representing a statewide organization of  
agricultural producers.

10 The terms of the voting members are for 4 years each. The  
12 Governor shall fill a vacancy in the membership for any unexpired  
term. The commissioners, directors or designees of the following  
14 state departments or offices shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting  
members of the commission: the department; the State Planning  
16 Office; the Department of Conservation; the Department of  
Transportation; the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;  
18 the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; the  
Department of Education; and the Bureau of Public Improvements.  
20 The Canadian Affairs Coordinator shall also serve as an ex  
officio, nonvoting member of the commission. A chair and  
22 vice-chair of the commission must be elected annually from the  
appointed membership.

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### SUMMARY

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28 This bill adds a member representing agricultural producers  
to the Maine Tourism Commission.