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An Act To Amend the Staffing and Reporting Requirements for the Citizen Trade Policy Commission

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and Senator: RAYE of Washington,
Representatives: PRATT of Eddington, TREAT of Farmingdale.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §11, sub-§9, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 699, §2, is
3 amended to read:

4 C. Shall every 2 years conduct an ~~annual~~ assessment of the impacts of international
5 trade agreements on Maine's state laws, municipal laws, working conditions and
6 business environment. The assessment must be submitted and made available to the
7 public as provided for in the annual report in paragraph D;

8 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §11, sub-§9, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 699, §2, is
9 amended to read:

10 D. Shall maintain active communications with and submit an annual report to the
11 Governor, the Legislature, the Attorney General, municipalities, Maine's
12 congressional delegation, the Maine International Trade Center, the Maine Municipal
13 Association, the United States Trade Representative's Office, the National
14 Conference of State Legislatures and the National Association of Attorneys General
15 or the successor organization of any of these groups. The commission shall make the
16 report easily accessible to the public by way of a publicly accessible site on the
17 Internet maintained by the State. The report must contain information acquired
18 pursuant to activities under ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph B and may contain information
19 acquired pursuant to activities under paragraph C;

20 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §12** is enacted to read:

21 **§12. Quorum**

22 For purposes of holding a meeting, a quorum is 11 members. A quorum must be
23 present to start a meeting but not to continue or adjourn a meeting. For purposes of
24 voting, a quorum is 9 voting members.

25 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
26 allocations are made.

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29 Initiative: Provides funds for a full-time staff position for the Citizen Trade Policy
30 Commission and general operating expenses.

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32	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
33	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
34	All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
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36	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

1 **SUMMARY**

2 This bill changes the frequency with which the Citizen Trade Policy Commission
3 must conduct an assessment of the impact international trade agreements have on Maine's
4 state laws, municipal laws, working conditions and business environment from annually
5 to every 2 years. It also establishes what constitutes a quorum and provides funding for a
6 full-time staff position.