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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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### An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to the Maine Jobs Council

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Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BLODGETT of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 114, §10, is  
3 repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§5-B, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 683, Pt. D,  
5 §9, is amended to read:

6 A. The committee shall:

7 (1) Advise, consult and assist the executive and legislative branches of State  
8 Government on activities of State Government that affect the employment of  
9 disabled individuals. The committee is solely advisory in nature. The committee  
10 may advise regarding state and federal plans and proposed budgetary, legislative  
11 or policy actions affecting disabled individuals;

12 (2) Serve as an advocate on behalf of disabled citizens promoting and assisting  
13 activities designed to further equal opportunity for people with disabilities;

14 (3) Conduct educational programs considered necessary to promote public  
15 understanding of the needs and abilities of disabled citizens of this State;

16 (4) Provide information, training and technical assistance to promote greater  
17 employer acceptance of disabled workers;

18 (5) Advise and assist employers and other organizations interested in developing  
19 employment opportunities for disabled people; and

20 (6) ~~Inform~~ Work with state and local government officials, organizations  
21 representing persons with disabilities and the business community to inform the  
22 public of the benefits of making buildings, facilities and services accessible to and  
23 usable by individuals with disabilities; monitor the enforcement of state and  
24 federal laws regarding ~~architectural~~ accessibility; and advise and assist building  
25 owners by disseminating information about accessibility and by making technical  
26 assistance available when appropriate.

27 ~~(a) A wheelchair symbol must be appropriately displayed to identify~~  
28 ~~buildings with facilities that are accessible to disabled and elderly~~  
29 ~~individuals; accessibility is determined by the committee.~~

30 ~~(b) The symbol required in division (a) must be that adopted by the~~  
31 ~~Rehabilitation International's World Congress in 1969.~~

32 ~~(c) Application for display of the wheelchair symbol must be made by the~~  
33 ~~committee, which shall obtain and keep on file a supply of symbols.~~

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This bill repeals a provision of law relating to membership of the Maine Jobs Council  
36 so that the law accurately reflects membership that is consistent with the representation  
37 requirements of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. It amends provisions of

1 law relating to the scope of work of the council's Standing Committee on Employment of  
2 People with Disabilities.