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In Senate, February 26, 2009

An Act To Amend the Composition of the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government 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 NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, BRYANT of Windham, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HILL of York, NASS of Acton, PRIEST of Brunswick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4013, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. A,
3 §14, is further amended to read:

4 A. The Governor shall name the chair from among the following members:

5 (1) Two members, appointed by the Governor, who are representatives of the
6 statewide coalition of domestic violence projects;

7 (1-A) Two members, appointed by the Governor, who are representatives of the
8 statewide coalition of sexual assault centers;

9 (2) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of the
10 mental health profession;

11 (3) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of victims
12 of domestic violence;

13 (3-A) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of
14 victims of sexual assault;

15 (4) Two members, appointed by the Governor, one of whom has experience
16 representing victims of domestic abuse, who are attorneys with experience in
17 domestic relations cases;

18 (5) One member, appointed by the Governor, who was a victim of domestic
19 abuse and used the court system;

20 (5-A) One member, appointed by the Governor, who was a victim of sexual
21 assault and used the court system;

22 (6) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a district attorney or
23 assistant district attorney;

24 (7) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is chief of a municipal police
25 department;

26 (8) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a county sheriff;

27 (8-A) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is the statewide coordinator
28 of a statewide coalition to end domestic violence;

29 (8-B) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is the executive director of
30 a statewide coalition against sexual assault;

31 (8-C) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;

32 (8-D) The Chief of the Maine State Police or the chief's designee;

33 (9) The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;

34 (9-A) The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's
35 designee;

36 (9-C) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;

37 (9-D) The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;

- 1 (9-E) The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee;
2 (9-F) One member, appointed by the Governor, who has experience working in
3 batterers' intervention programs; and
4 (10) Up to ~~8~~ 6 members-at-large, appointed by the Governor;
5 (11). Up to 4 members, appointed by the Governor, representing underserved
6 populations; and
7 (12) One member, appointed by the Governor, who provides services to tribal
8 victims of domestic or sexual violence.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill makes several changes to the membership of the Maine Commission on
11 Domestic and Sexual Abuse. It reduces the number of members-at-large from 8 to 6,
12 adds up to 4 members who are representatives of underserved populations and adds one
13 member who provides services to tribal victims of domestic or sexual violence. All of
14 these members are appointed by the Governor.