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124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1313

H.P. 916

House of Representatives, March 31, 2009

An Act To Restructure the State Planning Office

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, BURNS of Whiting, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HAYES of Buckfield, McFADDEN of Dennysville, McLEOD of Lee, SIROIS of Turner, Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 311**, as amended, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. Executive Department, State Planning Office to prepare plan.** The
4 Executive Department, State Planning Office shall prepare a reorganization plan for the
5 State Planning Office in which the office is nonregulatory in nature and only performs
6 planning services for agencies. Under the plan the State Planning Office shall consist of a
7 director, assistant director, planning recruiter and administrative support necessary to
8 carry out the duties of the office. The planning recruiter shall coordinate with the director
9 and the government agency requesting or the subject of a plan to obtain staff support with
10 the skills appropriate to develop the plan requested by the agency and who would return
11 to the agency once the plan is complete. The plan must consist of proposed legislation to
12 replace the provisions repealed in section 1.

13 **Sec. 3. State Planning Office to conduct review.** The State Planning Office
14 shall review the powers and duties of the State Planning Office and the statutory
15 provisions relating to the State Planning Office and prepare proposed legislation to
16 transfer certain powers and duties of the State Planning Office to other agencies in
17 anticipation of the reorganization of the State Planning Office in section 2 of this Act.

18 **Sec. 4. Report.** The State Planning Office shall submit its plan under section 2 and
19 report under section 3 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government
20 by December 2, 2009. The joint standing committee is authorized to introduce
21 emergency legislation related to this plan and report to the Second Regular Session of the
22 124th Legislature at the time of submission of the report.

23 **Sec. 5. Effective date.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2010.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to create a plan to
26 reorganize the State Planning Office to only provide planning services to state agencies,
27 with the agencies to provide staff support. This bill also directs the State Planning Office
28 to study and recommend legislation to transfer certain other powers and duties of the
29 office to other agencies in anticipation of the dissolution. The bill authorizes the Joint
30 Standing Committee on State and Local Government to submit emergency legislation to
31 the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature in anticipation of the current
32 organization of the State Planning Office ending on July 1, 2010.