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In Senate, December 21, 2009

An Act To Establish a Committee To Promote General Aviation in the State

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation 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 MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative CAREY of Lewiston and
Senators: DAMON of Hancock, PERRY of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-K, sub-§12-A** is enacted to read:

3 **12-A.**

4 Transportation Aviation Advisory Expenses Only 6 MRSA §401
5 Committee

6 **Sec. 2. 6 MRSA §3, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. A, §42, is further
7 amended to read:

8 As used in this ~~chapter and chapters 2 to 17~~ Title, unless the context otherwise
9 indicates, the following terms ~~shall~~ have the following meanings.

10 **Sec. 3. 6 MRSA c. 19** is enacted to read:

11 **CHAPTER 19**

12 **AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

13 **§401. Aviation Advisory Committee established**

14 The Aviation Advisory Committee, referred to in this chapter as "the committee" and
15 established by Title 5, section 12004-K, subsection 12-A, is established to advise and
16 assist the department in developing and maintaining general aviation and airports in the
17 State.

18 **§402. Membership**

19 The committee consists of at least 6 but no more than 10 members appointed by the
20 Governor. A member must have 5 years of experience as a pilot, an airport facility
21 manager or a fixed base operator. The terms of the members are for 3 years. The
22 Governor shall fill a vacancy in the membership for an unexpired term. A vacancy must
23 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

24 **§403. Meetings**

25 The committee shall annually elect a chair from among its members, and the chair
26 serves a term of one year. The committee shall meet at the call of the chair or at the call
27 of at least 3 members of the committee. The committee shall meet at least 3 times a year.

28 **§404. Staff support**

29 The department shall supply reasonable staff support as requested by the committee.

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§405. Rules.

The committee may adopt rules to govern the operations of the committee. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. Staggered terms for initial appointees. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 6, section 402, the terms of the initial members of the Aviation Advisory Committee must be staggered. Of the initial appointees, at least 2 members are appointed for terms of 3 years, at least 2 members for terms of 2 years and at least 2 members for terms of one year.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes in the Maine Revised Statutes a committee to aid the Department of Transportation in developing and maintaining general aviation and airports in the State.