

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 832

House of Representatives, March 15, 2011

**An Act To Move the Land for Maine's Future Program to the  
Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MOULTON of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §6202**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 506, §§1 and 4, is repealed and  
3 the following enacted in its place:

4 **§6202. Land for Maine's Future Board**

5 The Land for Maine's Future Board, as established in section 12004-G, subsection 29  
6 and referred to in this chapter as "the board," is an Executive Department Board located  
7 within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

8 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §6204, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §6, is further  
9 amended to read:

10 **1. Composition.** The board consists of ~~44~~ 10 members, 6 who are private citizens  
11 and ~~5~~ 4 who are permanent members. The permanent members are the Commissioner of  
12 Conservation; the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Commissioner of  
13 Marine Resources; and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; ~~and~~  
14 ~~the Director of the State Planning Office.~~

15 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §6204, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §6, is further  
16 amended to read:

17 **6. Assistance.** The Department of Conservation; the Department of Inland Fisheries  
18 and Wildlife; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Agriculture, Food and  
19 Rural Resources; ~~the State Planning Office~~; and all other state agencies shall provide staff  
20 support and assistance considered necessary by the board to fulfill the objectives of this  
21 chapter. If agency assistance is not available, consultants may be hired from the proceeds  
22 of either the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund to  
23 assist the board in carrying out its responsibilities.

24 **Sec. 4. Transition provisions.** The following provisions govern the transfer of  
25 responsibilities for providing administrative support to the Land for Maine's Future Board  
26 from the Executive Department, State Planning Office to the Department of Agriculture,  
27 Food and Rural Resources.

28 1. Any positions authorized and allocated to the State Planning Office in support of  
29 the Land for Maine's Future Board and administration of the Land for Maine's Future  
30 Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund are transferred to the Department of  
31 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and may continue to be authorized.

32 2. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the  
33 use of the State Planning Office in support of the Land for Maine's Future Board become,  
34 on the effective date of this Act, the property of the Department of Agriculture, Food and  
35 Rural Resources.

36 3. Any existing contracts, agreements or compacts entered into by the Director of the  
37 State Planning Office or the Executive Director of the Land for Maine's Future Program  
38 continue in effect.

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## **SUMMARY**

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This bill transfers responsibility for and resources in support of the Land for Maine's

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Future Board and Land for Maine's Future Program from the Executive Department, State

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Planning Office to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.