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An Act To Establish the Commission on Promoting Manufacturing in Maine

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and

Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, DUTREMBLE of York, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HASKELL of Cumberland, JOHNSON of Lincoln, LACHOWICZ of Kennebec, MILLETT of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford, TUTTLE of York, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, McCABE of Skowhegan, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§67-A** is enacted to read:

3 **67-A.**

4 <u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>Commission on</u>	<u>Legislative Per Diem</u>	<u>10 MRSA §396</u>
5	<u>Promoting</u>	<u>and Expenses for</u>	
6	<u>Manufacturing in</u>	<u>Legislators and</u>	
7	<u>Maine</u>	<u>Expenses Only for</u>	
8		<u>Other Members</u>	

9 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA c. 15** is enacted to read:

10 **CHAPTER 15**

11 **COMMISSION ON PROMOTING MANUFACTURING IN MAINE**

12 **§396. Commission established**

13 The Commission on Promoting Manufacturing in Maine, as established in Title 5,
14 section 12004-I, subsection 67-A and referred to in this section as "the commission," is
15 established to develop a plan to promote manufacturing in the State.

16 **1. Membership.** The commission consists of the following 15 members:

17 A. Three Senators, 2 of whom must be members representing the party holding the
18 largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the President of the Senate;

19 B. Three members of the House of Representatives, one of whom must be a member
20 representing the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature,
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

22 C. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's
23 designee;

24 D. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;

25 E. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the
26 commissioner's designee;

27 F. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;

28 G. The director of an apprenticeship program in manufacturing, appointed by the
29 President of the Senate;

30 H. Two members representing manufacturing businesses in the State, one appointed
31 by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

32 I. Two members representing organized labor in the State, one appointed by the
33 President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House.

34 **2. Terms; vacancies; limits.** Except for Legislators and commissioners and the
35 President of the Maine Community College System, who serve terms coincident with

1 their elective or appointed terms, members of the commission are appointed for 3-year
2 terms. A vacancy must be filled by the same appointing authority that made the original
3 appointment. Appointed members may not serve more than 2 terms. Members may
4 continue to serve until their replacements are designated. A member may designate an
5 alternate to serve on a temporary basis.

6 **3. Chair; officers; rules.** The first-named Senate member and the first-named
7 House of Representatives member are cochairs of the commission. The commission shall
8 appoint other officers as necessary and make rules for orderly procedure.

9 **4. Compensation.** Legislators who are members of the commission are entitled to
10 receive the legislative per diem and expenses as defined in Title 3, section 2 for their
11 attendance to their duties under this chapter. Other members are entitled to receive
12 reimbursement of necessary expenses if they are not otherwise reimbursed by their
13 employers or others whom they represent.

14 **5. Staff.** The Legislature, through the commission, shall contract for staff support
15 for the commission, which, to the extent funding permits, must be year-round staff
16 support. In the event funding does not permit adequate staff support, the commission
17 may request staff support from the Legislative Council, except that Legislative Council
18 staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

19 **6. Powers and duties. The commission:**

20 **A. Shall meet at least twice annually;**

21 **B. Shall establish a plan to promote the State as a more desirable place in which to**
22 **develop manufacturing businesses, to provide education and training to prepare**
23 **workers for new manufacturing and to make manufacturing in the State more**
24 **promotable;**

25 **C. Shall hear public testimony and recommendations from the people of the State**
26 **and qualified experts when appropriate at no fewer than 2 locations throughout the**
27 **State each year on the actual and potential social, environmental, economic and legal**
28 **impacts of manufacturing on the State;**

29 **D. Shall every 2 years conduct an assessment of the impacts of manufacturing on**
30 **working conditions and the business environment. The assessment must be**
31 **submitted and made available to the public as provided for in paragraph E;**

32 **E. Shall maintain active communications with and submit an annual report to the**
33 **Governor, the Legislature, municipalities, the State's congressional delegation and the**
34 **National Conference of State Legislatures or its successor organization. The**
35 **commission shall make the report easily accessible to the public by way of a publicly**
36 **accessible site on the Internet maintained by the State. The report must contain**
37 **information acquired pursuant to activities under paragraph C and must contain**
38 **information acquired pursuant to activities under paragraph D;**

39 **F. Shall maintain active communications with any entity the commission determines**
40 **appropriate regarding ongoing developments in promoting, encouraging and**
41 **developing new manufacturing in the State;**

