

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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S. P. 457

In Senate, February 19, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 650 copies ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Harkins of Androscoggin by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Establishing a Safety Division Within the State Police.

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

Sec. 1. Maine highway public safety division. There shall be established and maintained within the state police a department to be known as the "Maine Highway Public Safety Division". The chief of such division shall be a member of the state police who shall be denominated "director" and who shall be appointed by the governor with the approval and consent of the council, and by whom his salary shall be fixed.

Sec. 2. Public safety relation officers. At all times there shall be 3 field men, known as "Public Safety Relation Officers", who shall be appointed by the director, and their salaries fixed by him; none of these shall be state police nor taken from the ranks thereof.

Sec. 3. Duties of field men. The field men shall cover every city and town of this state and their duties shall be public speaking and promoting safety activities in the aforesaid cities and towns.

These field men shall organize every city and town with a local safety council composed of prominent citizens of the city or town in question.

These field men after having organized every city and town with a local safety council shall organize a county safety council in every county in the state, having the chairman of each local council representing its city or town in its own county on their county safety council.

These field men after having organized each county with a county safety council, along with the Maine safety director as chairman shall organize a state safety council composed of 16 men, including the chairman of each county council.

Sec. 4. Transfer to department of automobile. The white safety automobile now operated by the state police shall be transferred to said safety division. The director is authorized to purchase 3 more white automobiles for the use of said division.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. The sum of \$20,000 is appropriated annually from the general fund to be used for the maintenance of said division.