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House of Representatives, February 11, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Maine Publicity. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Maine Development Commission and the State Geologist.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 2, § 113-A, amended. Section 113-A of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, as allocated by chapter 190 of the public laws of 1935, and amended by chapter 174 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 113-A. Maine development commission; how constituted. There is hereby created and established a board of 10 members which shall be known as the Maine Development Commission. Said commission shall be constituted as follows: ~~the governor~~, the commissioner of agriculture, the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries, and ~~6~~ 7 other citizens of the state. All appointive members of the commission shall be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the council. Said official members shall hold office during their respective terms. The other appointments shall be for a term of 3 years.

~~The commission shall choose an executive committee of 5 from its membership who shall carry out the duties of the commission under the~~

~~direction of the commissioner. The committee commission shall choose one of its members to act as chairman.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 2, § 113-B, amended. Section 113-B of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, as allocated by chapter 190 of the public laws of 1935, and amended by chapter 174 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

‘Sec. 113-B. Appropriations; duties of commission. The sum of ~~\$200,000~~ **\$161,000** is hereby annually appropriated for the purpose of advertising and publicly setting forth and displaying agricultural, industrial and recreational resources, activities and attractions of the state, ~~of which sum \$50,000.~~ **Twenty-five per cent of the total appropriation** shall be expended **in equal proportions** for the purpose of advertising the agricultural products of the state, and advertising the sea and shore fishing products of the state. **The commission shall also be empowered to carry on research and planning in relation to the agricultural, industrial, recreational and natural resources of the state.** The commission shall arrange for, authorize and supervise the expenditure of all money appropriated under this section and shall have full authority to execute contracts for the preparation, publication, dissemination and furnishing of information incidental to the purposes of this act. The members of the commission may be recompensed for their expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, but shall not receive any salary. Expenditures authorized by this act shall be paid for only on vouchers approved by the commission and the state controller.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 49, §§ 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, repealed. Sections 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, as amended, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 2, § 113-C, amended. Section 113-C of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, as allocated by chapter 190 of the public laws of 1935, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

‘Sec. 113-C. Unexpended balances. After providing a reserve of \$50,000 for promotional advertising from accumulated unexpended balances, all additional unexpended balances at the end of any fiscal year shall be lapsed.’

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 2, additional. Chapter 2 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 113-D and to read as follows :

'Sec. 113-D. Employment and duties of state geologist. The Maine development commission shall employ a state geologist to serve at the pleasure of the commission. He shall perform such duties as shall be required of him by law or assigned to him by the commission.'