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Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Barnes of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Authorize the Liquor Research Commission to Initiate an
Educational Program.**

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

Sec. 1. Liquor research commission, created. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a liquor research commission consisting of 7 members and shall designate its chairman.

Sec. 2. Educational and research program. The liquor research commission shall have the power to prescribe a program of education in the public schools and state-supported colleges and universities in this state with respect to the effects of excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages and through such other methods as may be deemed essential for the enlightenment of the public; to establish and maintain one or more guidance centers in centrally located communities to disseminate information concerning alcoholism and to counsel victims of the disease or others who may be interested in dependable sources of treatment and rehabilitation for the afflicted; to continue and complete the studies authorized by chapter 213 of the private and special laws of 1949 with special reference to the feasibility of establishing state-supported clinics or other facilities for the care, treatment and re-

habilitation of alcoholics; to utilize existing facilities in this state, including such buildings, equipment and professional or other personnel as may be available, or to contract for such facilities and personnel as may otherwise be required to accomplish the commission's objectives; and to expand such funds for said purposes as may, from time to time, be appropriated therefor by the legislature.

Sec. 3. Time of meeting; expenses. Said commission shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman, not less than 2 nor more than 12 times each year, for the promotion of its objectives. The members shall be paid \$10 per day for the day of each meeting and expenses to and from the meeting place, on vouchers approved by the chairman.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. Subject to the approval of the governor and council, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$25,000 to the said commission to be expended in the promotion of its objectives and in payment of the necessary expenses of the commission. All unexpended balances shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.