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In Senate, March 13, 1951.

Referred to the Committee on Labor, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Leavitt of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Employment of Older Workers.

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

R. S., c. 25-A, additional. The revised statutes are hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to be numbered 25-A, to read as follows:

'CHAPTER 25-A

Employment of Older Workers

Sec. 1. State council on the elderly; membership, tenure, vacancies, compensation. There shall be established a state council on the elderly consisting of 9 members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, among whom shall be the commissioner of education, the commissioner of labor and industry, the commissioner of health and welfare and the chairman of the employment security commission.

All members, with the exception of the aforementioned commissioners, shall serve for a term of 3 years.

Vacancies occurring on the council shall be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the council for the unexpired term.

The members of the council shall appoint from their membership a chairman who shall officiate in said capacity for a period of 1 year. The members of the council shall be compensated for the time spent in attendance at meetings of the council at the rate of \$10 per day and actual expenses incurred while attending said meetings.

Sec. 2. Duties of council; report. It shall be the duty of the council to study the problems of employment for the elderly people of the state and initiate a state program for the elderly. This program will attack age barriers of employment; encourage employers to hire elderly people; compile for industry a list of jobs for which the elderly have been found to be particularly suitable; encourage home industry among the elderly and help prepare workers for retirement.

The council shall submit an annual, written report to the governor and council on facilities and programs of public agencies dealing with the elderly together with the progress of the council.

Sec. 3. Director, tenure, compensation, duties; other employees. The council shall appoint a director who shall be responsible to the council and serve at the pleasure of the council. The director shall receive a salary to be determined by the council.

The director shall carry out the purposes of this chapter as set forth in section 2. The director with approval of the council may appoint such other employees, subject to the provisions of the personnel law, as are deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Said employees shall serve at the pleasure of the director and shall be compensated at a rate to be determined by the director with the approval of the council.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$25,000 annually for the carrying out of the purposes of this chapter.'