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NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 3, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Welfare. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Parker of Piscataquis.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Advisory Council of Health and Welfare.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 7, repealed and replaced. Section 7 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 7. Advisory committee of health and welfare. There shall be an advisory committee of health and welfare in connection with the department, which shall consist of 15 members, 3 of whom shall represent the general public, 6 shall be persons interested in health or allied fields and 6 shall be persons interested in welfare or allied fields. The members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice of the commissioner. The members shall be initially appointed as follows: 5 for terms of 1 year, 5 for terms of 2 years and 5 for terms of 3 years. At the expiration of the term of original appointment or any subsequent appointment each member shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, and until his successor is appointed and duly qualified. The members of said committee shall serve without compensation, but may be allowed actual and necessary expenses for attendance at all meetings. The committee shall meet upon the call of the commissioner.'

- Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 8, amended. Section 8 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 8. Powers and duties of advisory committee. The advisory committee of health and welfare shall have authority:
 - I. To make such investigation of the social problems of the state, with the aid of the departmental staff, as the commissioner may request;
 - II. To advise the commissioner with reference to the policy of the department and other matters falling within the jurisdiction of said department;
 - III. To recommend to the commissioner the enactment of such laws as may be deemed necessary relative to the activities of the department;
 - **IV.** To make recommend to the commissioner the issuance of such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry out the intent of the public health and welfare laws of the state.'
- Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 9, amended. The 1st sentence of section 9 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 'The department shall prepare issue such rules and regulations for the consideration of the advisory council as it shall think necessary and proper for the protection of life, health and welfare, and the successful operation of the health and welfare laws.'
- Sec. 4. R. S., c. 22, § 27, amended. The 1st sentence of section 27 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.