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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Miss Lawry of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing for a Director of Recreation Under the State Park Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 36, §§ 41-A, - 41-E, additional. Chapter 36 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 5 new sections to be numbered 41-A to 41-E, to read as follows:

'Recreation.

Sec. 41-A. Purpose. The purpose of sections 41-A to 41-E, inclusive, are:

- I. To liberate through recreation the power of expression of our people and our communities;**
- II. To help the men and women and children of Maine set forth in drama, art and music, and in the hundred other forms of play which cannot be expressed within the confines of their daily work;**
- III. To stress the utilization of the talents of our folk and our natural resources in the development of facilities and activities on the community level;**
- IV. To encourage, stimulate and cooperate with all commercial types of recreation that are wholesome in nature;**
- V. To make every effort to bring wholesome recreation within the reach of all our rural population; and**
- VI. To see Maine as one of the playgrounds of this nation, our mountains and our forests, our lakes and our valleys, a haven for recreational enjoyment.**

Sec. 41-B. Definitions. The term "recreation" for the purpose of sections 41-A to 41-E, inclusive, is defined to mean activities which are diversionary in character and which aids in promoting entertainment, pleasure, relaxation and other physical, mental and cultural developments and experiences of a leisure time nature.

Sec. 41-C. State Division of Recreation established. There is hereby established, under the authority of the State Park and Recreation Commission, a Division of Recreation.

Sec. 41-D. Additional duties of Commission. The State Park and Recreation Commission shall have and exercise the following additional powers and authority:

- I. To study and appraise recreational needs of the State and assemble and disseminate information relative to recreation.
- II. To cooperate in the promotion and organization of local recreational systems for counties, municipalities, townships and other political subdivisions of the State, and to aid them in designing and laying out recreational areas and facilities, and to advise them in the planning and financing of recreational programs.
- III. To aid in recruiting, training and placing recreation workers, and promote recreation institutes and conferences.
- IV. To establish and promote recreational standards.
- V. To cooperate with State and Federal agencies, the Recreation Advisory Committee, private membership groups, and with commercial recreational interests, in the promotion of recreational opportunities.
- VI. To submit a biennial report of its activities to the Governor.
- VII. To make rules and regulations for the proper administration of its added duties.
- VIII. To accept any grant of funds from any agency thereof, subject to the approval of the Governor, for the purpose of carrying out any of its functions.
- IX. To administer all funds available to the Commission.
- X. To act jointly, when advisable, with any State agency, institution, department, board or commission in order to carry out the State Park and Recreation Commission's objectives and responsibilities. No activity of the Commission, however, shall be allowed to interfere with the work of any other State agency.
- XI. To employ a Director of Recreation, and upon recommendations of the Director such other persons as may be needed to carry out the provisions of sections 41-A to 41-E, inclusive.

Sec. 41-E. Advisory Committee. The Commission shall name a Recreation Advisory Committee consisting of 30 members who shall serve a term of 2 years. The Commission shall name one member to act as a chairman of the Committee.

Vacancies occurring on the Committee shall be filled by the Commission for the unexpired term.

Members of the Committee shall represent in so far as feasible, all groups and phases of beneficial recreation in the State.

The Committee shall meet once each year with the Park and Recreation Commission at a time and place to be fixed by the chairman. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

The Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Park and Recreation Commission, discuss recreational needs of the State, exchange ideas, and make to the Commission recommendations for the advancement of recreational opportunities.'

Sec. 2. Amendatory clause. Wherever in the Revised Statutes or Public Laws, the words "State Park Commission" appear they shall mean "State Park and Recreational Commission."

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to carry out the purposes of this act the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957.