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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Department of Development of Industry and Commerce and Changing Its Name to Department of Economic Development.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38-A, § 1, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 1 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~'There is hereby created a Department of Development of Industry and Commerce. The Department of Economic Development, as heretofore established and hereinafter in this chapter called the "Department" The Department shall be under the supervision and control of a Commissioner of Development of Industry and Commerce Department of Economic Development, hereinafter in this chapter called the "Commissioner." He shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council for a term of 4 years and shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified.'~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38-A, § 2, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 2 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2-A. R. S., c. 38-A, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended by inserting after the 1st paragraph thereof, a new paragraph, as follows:

'The Commissioner may employ, without the consent of the Governor and Council, such consultants as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 38-A, § 2, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 2 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘The Commissioner shall organize a Division of Research and Planning, a Division of **Industrial** Development, a Division of Recreational Promotion, a **Division of Publicity and Public Relations** and a **Division of Geological Survey** and such other divisions as the Commissioner may recommend and as may be approved by the Governor and Council. The Commissioner and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall from time to time confer on matters affecting the economic and social welfare of the State, including hours of labor, wages, industrial safety and regulatory decisions and orders.’

Sec. 3-A. R. S., c. 38-A, § 5, amended. The 1st 2 lines of section 5 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, are hereby amended to read as follows:

‘The Division of **Industrial** Development shall be empowered to:’

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 38-A, § 5, sub-§ IV, repealed. Subsection IV of section 5 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 38-A, § 5, sub-§§ V-VII, renumbered. Subsections V to VII, inclusive, of section 5 of chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, are hereby renumbered to read subsections IV to VI, inclusive.

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 38-A, §§ 6-A - 6-B, additional. Chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 6-A and 6-B, to read as follows:

‘Division of Publicity and Public Relations.

Sec. 6-A. Powers and duties. The Division of Publicity and Public Relations shall disseminate information setting forth the commercial, agricultural, industrial, fisheries, recreational, labor market and other facilities and advantages of the State.

Division of Geological Survey.

Sec. 6-B. State Geologist. The Commissioner may employ a State Geologist to serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner. The State Geologist shall perform such duties as shall be required by him by law or assigned to him by the Commissioner.’

Sec. 7. R. S., c. 16, § 231, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 231 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘III. A sum which shall equal at least 25% of the money collected shall be used for the general purpose of merchandising and advertising Maine potatoes for food and for seed purposes under the direction of the Maine Potato

Commission. The Commission may use the advice and facilities of the Department of ~~Development of Industry and Commerce~~ **Economic Development** in carrying out the provisions of this subsection.'

Sec. 8. R. S., c. 16, § 232, amended. The 5th sentence of section 232 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The said Commission may work with the Department of ~~Development of Industry and Commerce~~ **Economic Development** in carrying out ~~of~~ the provisions of sections 222 to 233, inclusive.'

Sec. 9. R. S., c. 16, § 267, sub-§ II, ¶ A, amended. Paragraph A of subsection II of section 267 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'A. For the purpose of merchandising and advertising Maine sardines for food, under the direction of the Maine Sardine Council with the advice and cooperation of the Commissioner of ~~Development of Industry and Commerce~~ **Department of Economic Development.**'

Sec. 10. R. S., c. 16, § 268, amended. The last paragraph of section 268 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 5 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The members of the Council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. They are authorized to select and employ an executive secretary-advertising and merchandising manager to administer the advertising, merchandising, research and development program, in concurrence with the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries and with the advice and cooperation of the Commissioner of ~~Development of Industry and Commerce~~ **Department of Economic Development**, and fix his salary. The executive secretary, with the consent of the Council, is authorized, subject to the provisions of the Personnel Law, to engage sufficient clerical personnel and other employees for the efficient performance of his duties.'

Sec. 11. R. S., c. 52-A, § 5, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 5 of chapter 52-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 105 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Coordinator of Atomic Development Activities shall have the duty of coordinating the studies, recommendations and proposals of the several departments and agencies of the State and its political subdivisions required by section 4 with each other and also with the programs and activities of the Department of Labor and Industry and the ~~Maine Development Commission~~ **Department of Economic Development** and of the State. So far as may be practicable, he shall coordinate the studies conducted, and the recommendations and proposals made, in this State with like activities in the New England and other states and with the policies and regulations of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. In carrying out his duties, he shall proceed in close cooperation with the Department of Labor and Industry and the ~~Maine Development Commission~~ **Department of Economic Development.**'