

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
September 5, 1996 to September 7, 1996

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 4, 1996 to March 27, 1997

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
March 27, 1997 to June 20, 1997

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
JUNE 26, 1997

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
SEPTEMBER 19, 1997

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1997

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM TOTAL	\$47,400
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$50,000

; and be it further

Sec. 12. Allocation. Resolved: That the following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1997-98

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**Commission to Study the
Development of Maine's
Franco-American Resource**

All Other	\$500
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Provides a base allocation to authorize expenditures in the event that outside sources of funding are received to support the expenses of the Commission to Study the Development of Maine's Franco-American Resource.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 12, 1997.

CHAPTER 84

H.P. 1356 - L.D. 1903

**Resolve, Regarding Payments to
Legislators during Special Session**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this resolve continues the elimination of the 118th Legislature of the per diem compensation payment for the First Special Session; and

Whereas, in order to apply to such a special session, this resolve must take effect in advance of the 90-day period; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Legislative compensation. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, members of the Legislature are not entitled to per diem compensation payment for attendance at the First Special Session of the 118th Legislature.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 20, 1997.

CHAPTER 85

S.P. 679 - L.D. 1905

**Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon
Commission to Study the Effects of
Government Regulation and Health
Insurance Costs on Small Businesses
in Maine**

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Regulation and Health Insurance Costs on Small Businesses, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 12 members appointed as follows: The Governor shall appoint 6 members, to include at least 2 members from the Governor's cabinet, one member representing the business sector, one member representing employee unions and one state employee; the Speaker of the House shall appoint 3 members, to include at least one Representative and one member representing the public sector; and the President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members, to include at least one Senator and one member representing the private sector; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing authorities

once the selections have been made. Within 15 days after appointment of all members, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. The commission shall select a chair from among its members; and be it further

Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study the effects of government regulation and health insurance costs on small businesses throughout the State; and be it further

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the commission may request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it further

Sec. 6. Expenses. Resolved: That the members of the commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the commission. Other members are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of expenses; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That no later than January 1, 1998, the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development is authorized to report out any legislation during the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature concerning the findings and recommendations of the commission.

If the commission requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Regulation and Health Insurance Costs on Small Businesses

Personal Services	\$880
All Other	1,300
TOTAL	<u>\$2,180</u>

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and miscellaneous costs, including printing, of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Regulation and Health Insurance Costs on Small Businesses.

See title page for effective date.