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## CHAPTER 445

S.P. 824 - L.D. 2227

**An Act to Expand Membership on  
the Maine Tourism Commission****Be it enacted by the People of the State of  
Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13090-F, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 268, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**1. Maine Tourism Commission.** The Maine Tourism Commission, established by section 12004-I, subsection 87 and referred to in this section as the "commission," shall assist and advise the Office of Tourism and Community Development to achieve its purpose under section 13090-C. The commission consists of 24 voting members appointed by the Governor as follows:

A. Three members representing the outdoor sporting interests of the State, including:

(1) One member representing a statewide organization of hunters, anglers and trappers;

(2) One member representing the interests of large landowners; and

(3) One member representing a statewide organization of licensed Maine guides;

B. Eight public members who represent their respective regions and have experience in the field or have demonstrated concern for the travel industry; and

C. Thirteen members of major tourism trade associations, including:

(1) At least one member representing a statewide organization of hotels, motels and inns;

(2) At least one member representing a statewide organization of restaurants;

(3) At least one member representing a statewide organization of campground owners;

(4) At least one member representing the retail sector in the State;

(5) At least one member representing the motorcoach industry;

(6) At least one member representing the air transportation industry;

(7) At least one member representing arts and cultural organizations; and

(8) At least one member representing a statewide organization of children's camps.

The terms of the voting members are for 4 years each. The Governor shall fill a vacancy in the membership for any unexpired term. The commissioners, directors or designees of the following state departments or offices shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission: the department; the State Planning Office; the Department of Conservation; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; the Department of Education; and the Bureau of Public Improvements. The Canadian Affairs Coordinator shall also serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the commission. A chair and vice-chair of the commission must be elected annually from the appointed membership.

**Sec. 2. Staggered terms.** The terms of the additional 4 members representing tourism industry interests that are added to the Maine Tourism Commission under this Act are as follows:

1. For the first appointed member, the term is 4 years;

2. For the 2nd appointed member, the term is 3 years;

3. For the 3rd appointed member, the term is 2 years; and

4. For the 4th appointed member, the term is one year.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 446

S.P. 77 - L.D. 180

**An Act to Improve Access to  
Electronic Filing for Businesses****Be it enacted by the People of the State of  
Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §54** is enacted to read:

**§54. Electronic filing**

Every state agency, department, board, commission, institution, authority or public instrumentality

that requires filing of information by businesses or the public:

**1. Forms.** Shall have the filing forms available for downloading from the Internet. This subsection takes effect June 1, 2000;

**2. Inventory.** Shall maintain an inventory of the forms available on the Internet.

**Sec. 2. Plan for electronic filing.** By December 1, 2000, as required by Title 5, section 54, subsection 2, every state agency, department, board, commission, institution, authority and public instrumentality that requires the filing of information by businesses or the public shall provide to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters, the Governor and the Information Services Policy Board an inventory of the forms available on the Internet. The inventory must include the number of forms required to be filed with the state agency, department, board, commission, institution, authority or public instrumentality and a schedule of when each form is required to be filed by a business or a member of the public. Each state agency, department, board, commission, institution, authority and public instrumentality also shall submit a plan indicating when the forms will be accepted electronically by that entity.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 447**

**S.P. 138 - L.D. 374**

**An Act to Enhance the Marketing and Promotion Capabilities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§11,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 534, Pt. B, §§10 and 23, is further amended to read:

**11. Promotion of hunting, fishing and camping.** The commissioner may implement a program designed to promote fisheries and wildlife resources and attract hunters and fishermen to the State. As part of this program, the commissioner may reduce the price of certain types of licenses for specified periods of time to promote license sales for hunting and fishing in the State. This program may include coordination of activities between the public and private sectors and utilization of promotional missions, exhibits, brochures, technical assistance and expertise as necessary to develop and promote

hunting, fishing and camping activities within the State. The commissioner shall coordinate this program with the activities of the Department of Economic and Community Development. Any purchases made as a result of that coordination ~~shall~~ must be by competitive bid.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§16-A** is enacted to read:

**16-A. Funds; dedicated account.** Funds received by the commissioner for the sale of general merchandise products pursuant to subsection 16 must be deposited in a dedicated account to be used only for the purposes described in subsection 11. This subsection is repealed April 1, 2001.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§19** is enacted to read:

**19. Dedicated accounts for accepting donations.** The commissioner may create dedicated accounts to deposit money received from the sale of general merchandise pursuant to subsection 16 and may accept money, goods and services donated to the department to support specific programs carried out by the department. Any money donated to the department in support of a specific program must be deposited into a dedicated account for the purpose of funding activities carried out by that program. This subsection is repealed April 1, 2001.

**Sec. 4. Report to the Legislature.** By January 15, 2001, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters that provides an accounting of all funds deposited into a dedicated account created by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7035, subsection 19 and the impact this account has had on the promotion of activities described in Title 12, section 7035, subsection 11.

**Sec. 5. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
<b>INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500
Provides initial allocations for a new dedicated account		