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3. Regional issues. The commission's efforts undertaken in accordance with its authority under this Title to promote and protect consumer interests through participation in and presentations before regional entities and federal agencies with jurisdiction over regional marketplaces that affect the State's consumers. The commission must provide an assessment of staffing requirements to undertake these responsibilities; and

4. Rural issues. The commission's efforts undertaken in accordance with its authority under this Title to ensure that rural areas of this State are not disadvantaged as utility industries are restructured and competitive markets developed. The commission shall identify any rural issues that it has determined may require legislative action.

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CHAPTER 585

H.P. 1849 - L.D. 2587

**An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the Joint
Standing Committee on Natural
Resources Relating to the Review of
the Advisory Commission on
Radioactive Waste and
Decommissioning Under the State
Government Evaluation Act**

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶L, as amended by PL 1999, c. 127, Pt. C, §13, is further amended to read:

L. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Department of Environmental Protection in 1997;
- (2) Board of Environmental Protection in 1997;
- (3) Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning in ~~1999~~ 2005;
- (4) Saco River Corridor Commission in 2005; and
- (5) Board of Underground Oil Tank Installers in 2003.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1453-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1997, c. 700, §7, is further amended to read:

4. Meetings and reports. The commission shall meet at least 4 times a year. The commission shall submit an annual report of activities to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility and energy matters by February 15th of each year. In its report in 2002, the commission shall include an assessment of its funding pursuant to Title 22, section 679-A and recommendations for altering the funding formula in the event the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company plant in Wiscasset no longer generates low-level radioactive waste.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1453-A, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1999, c. 366, §2, is further amended to read:

7. Repeal. This commission is subject to review and terminates in accordance with Title 3, chapter 35; ~~not including the grace period, no later than June 30, 2000.~~ The commission, unless granted an extension by law, is dissolved and terminates on June 30, 2006.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 586

S.P. 877 - L.D. 2292

**An Act to Direct the State Liquor
and Lottery Commission to Pursue
Partnerships to Enhance Lottery
Revenues**

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §402, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 732, §1, is amended to read:

§402. Compact

The State enters into the following compact with the states of Vermont and New Hampshire, subject to the terms and conditions stated in this chapter. The compact may be expanded to include other New England states.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §404, sub-§§4 and 5, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 732, §1, are amended to read: