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**CHAPTER 585
S.P. 789 - L.D. 1995**

**An Act To Strengthen the
Maine Small Business and
Entrepreneurship Commission**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13033, as amended by PL 2005, c. 425, §3, is further amended to read:

§13033. Membership

The commission consists of ~~40~~ 9 members: the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine or the chief executive officer's designee; the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee; the House and Senate chairs of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters, who are ex officio, nonvoting members; the chair of the Small Business Development Centers Advisory Council; ~~the District Director of the United States Small Business Administration's Maine District Office;~~ and a designee from the administrative unit and 3 public members with expertise and knowledge in small business and entrepreneurship, appointed by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13033-A is enacted to read:

§13033-A. Terms of membership

Beginning January 1, 2009, the 3 public members appointed to the commission pursuant to section 13033 are appointed for staggered terms of 3 years. The commissioner shall appoint public members to vacancies on the commission as they occur or upon expiration of terms. Any vacancy must be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in which the vacancy occurs.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13034, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2001, c. 142, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Issue reports and recommendations. Issue reports and recommendations to the commissioner, the Governor and the Legislature in regard to programs that support or promote small business assistance and entrepreneurship. Beginning January 15, 2009, the commission shall provide an annual report, by January 15th of each year, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters that includes the commission's proposed quarterly meeting schedule for the year, as well as a summary of the Small Business Development Center Program's activities in the State that focuses on its collaborative efforts with other economic development programs in the State; and

Sec. 4. Staggered terms. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall appoint the 3 public members of the Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission by January 1, 2009 so that one member serves a one-year term, one member serves a 2-year term and one member serves a 3-year term. Subsequent terms of the public members are for 3 years, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13033-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 586
S.P. 794 - L.D. 2000**

**An Act To Authorize the
Department of Health and
Human Services To Investigate
Suspicious Deaths of Children**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Suspicious child death. "Suspicious child death" means the death of a child under circumstances in which there is reasonable cause to suspect that abuse or neglect was a cause of or factor contributing to the child's death.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 1993, c. 294, §1, is further amended to read:

D. Establishing and maintaining a Child Protective Services Contingency Fund to provide temporary assistance to families to help them provide proper care for their children; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 294, §2, is amended to read:

E. Establishing a child death and serious injury review panel for reviewing deaths and serious injuries to children. The panel consists of the following members: the Chief Medical Examiner, a pediatrician, a public health nurse, forensic and community mental health clinicians, law enforcement officers, departmental child welfare staff, district attorneys and criminal or civil assistant attorneys general.

The purpose of the panel is to recommend to state and local agencies methods of improving the child protection system, including modifications of statutes, rules, policies and procedures; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§1, ¶F is enacted to read: