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### **An Act to Establish the Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House Complex**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MONTELL of Gardiner.  
Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, COPELAND of Saco, HASENFUS of Readfield,  
JULIA of Waterville, ROLLINS of Augusta, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of  
Hallowell, Senator: RENY of Lincoln.

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

2 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA c. 32 is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 32**

4 **INTERDISCIPLINARY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE STATE HOUSE**  
5 **COMPLEX**

6 **§911. Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House Complex**

7 **1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
8 following terms have the following meanings.

9 A. "Board" means the Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House Complex,  
10 established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 26-G.

11 B. "State House complex" means the State House and the Burton M. Cross Building  
12 and their grounds.

13 **2. Board established.** The Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House  
14 Complex is established to work to ensure the occupational health and safety of Legislators,  
15 legislative and executive branch staffs and the public within the State House complex and  
16 to streamline communications regarding the State House complex among the Legislative  
17 Council, the Legislative Council's State House facilities committee and the Department of  
18 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services. The board may  
19 establish committees, including a committee to better retain a record of the State House  
20 complex's history of occupational health and safety issues and their mitigation and to  
21 maintain consistency in the oversight of the occupational health and safety of Legislators,  
22 legislative and executive branch staffs and the public within the State House complex.

23 **3. Board membership; terms.** The board consists of 13 members as follows:

24 A. A member nominated by the Executive Director of the Legislative Council,  
25 appointed by the President of the Senate;

26 B. A member representing an association of executive branch and other public  
27 employees, appointed by the President of the Senate;

28 C. A member representing a state indoor air quality organization, appointed by the  
29 President of the Senate;

30 D. A member representing an international society of heating, refrigerating and air-  
31 conditioning professionals who is a mechanical engineer, appointed by the President  
32 of the Senate;

33 E. A year-round partisan or nonpartisan legislative staff member, appointed by the  
34 President of the Senate;

35 F. A member representing occupational health and safety professionals, appointed by  
36 the President of the Senate;

37 G. A member nominated by the Clerk of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the  
38 House;

1       H. A member representing a registered lobby with knowledge or expertise in public  
2       health, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3       I. A member representing the Board of Occupational Safety and Health, as established  
4       by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 24, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5       J. A member who is an architect with historic architectural experience who is  
6       associated with a national professional organization for licensed architects and other  
7       construction industry professionals, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

8       K. A union steward for legislative employees, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

9       L. A member representing a historic preservation organization in the State, appointed  
10      by the Speaker of the House; and

11      M. The Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of  
12      Administrative and Financial Services or the director's designee.

13      Members of the board serve for 3-year terms. A vacancy in the membership of the board  
14      must be timely filled by the appointing authority.

15      **4. Chairs.** The Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of  
16      Administrative and Financial Services or the director's designee and the member  
17      representing the Board of Occupational Safety and Health, as established by Title 5, section  
18      12004-G, subsection 24, serve as cochairs of the board.

19      **5. Duties.** The board shall work to ensure the occupational health and safety of  
20      Legislators, legislative and executive branch staffs and the public within the State House  
21      complex. The board shall advise the Legislative Council and the Department of  
22      Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services regarding the  
23      occupational health and safety of Legislators, legislative and executive branch staffs and  
24      the public within the State House complex. The board shall provide and publicize a method  
25      using the Legislature's publicly accessible website for Legislators, legislative and executive  
26      branch staffs and the public to submit to the board questions and concerns regarding the  
27      occupational health and safety of Legislators, legislative and executive branch staffs and  
28      the public within the State House complex, a presentation regarding which must be  
29      included in orientation of new Legislators and new employees of the legislative and  
30      executive branch staffs working in the State House complex.

31      **6. Meetings.** The board shall meet quarterly.

32      **7. Staff assistance.** The Department of Labor shall provide necessary staffing services  
33      to the board.

34      **8. Report.** The board, no later than the first Wednesday in December annually, shall  
35      submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations for the past year for  
36      presentation to the Legislature. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall  
37      publish the report on the Legislature's publicly accessible website.

38      **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§26-G** is enacted to read:

39      **26-G.**

40 <u>Legislature/State</u>	<u>Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for</u>	<u>Not Authorized</u>	<u>3 MRSA</u>
41 <u>House Complex</u>	<u>the State House Complex</u>		<u>§911</u>

**Sec. 3. Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for State House Complex 2025 report.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 911, subsection 8, the report of the Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House, established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 26-G, made on December 3, 2025 may include any findings and recommendations it may have from the time the board was first established to December 3, 2025.

## SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House Complex, which must work to ensure the occupational health and safety of Legislators, legislative and executive branch staffs and the public within the State House complex and to streamline communications regarding the State House complex among the Legislative Council, the Legislative Council's State House facilities committee and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services.