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An Act To Amend the Composition of the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4013, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. A, §14, is further amended to read:

A. The Governor shall name the chair from among the following members:

(1) Two members, appointed by the Governor, who are representatives of the statewide coalition of domestic violence projects;

(1-A) Two members, appointed by the Governor, who are representatives of the statewide coalition of sexual assault centers;

(2) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of the mental health profession;

(3) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of victims of domestic violence;

(3-A) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of victims of sexual assault;

(4) Two members, appointed by the Governor, one of whom has experience representing victims of domestic abuse, who are attorneys with experience in domestic relations cases;

(5) One member, appointed by the Governor, who was a victim of domestic abuse and used the court system;

(5-A) One member, appointed by the Governor, who was a victim of sexual assault and used the court system;

(6) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a district attorney or assistant district attorney;

- (7) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is chief of a municipal police department;
- (8) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a county sheriff;
- (8-A) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is the statewide coordinator of a statewide coalition to end domestic violence;
- (8-B) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is the executive director of a statewide coalition against sexual assault;
- (8-C) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
- (8-D) The Chief of the Maine State Police or the chief's designee;
- (9) The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;
- (9-A) The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
- (9-C) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
- (9-D) The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;
- (9-E) The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee;
- (9-F) One member, appointed by the Governor, who has experience working in batterers' intervention programs; and
- (10) Up to 86 members-at-large, appointed by the Governor;;
- (11) Up to 4 members, appointed by the Governor, representing underserved populations; and
- (12) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a tribal member and provides services through a tribal program to tribal members who are victims of domestic or sexual violence.

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