

STATE OF MAINE

—  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

—  
H.P. 1178 - L.D. 1589

**An Act To Ensure Equity in the Membership of the Marijuana Advisory  
Commission**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §902, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

- 1. Membership.** The commission consists of the following ~~15~~ 21 members:
- A. Two members of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the President of the Senate;
  - B. Two members of the House of Representatives, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
  - C. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee;
  - D. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the commissioner's designee;
  - E. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
  - F. The Commissioner of ~~Labour~~ Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee;
  - G. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;
  - H. The following ~~3~~ 6 members, appointed by the President of the Senate:
    - (1) A representative of a statewide association representing prosecutors;
    - (2) A representative of a statewide association representing the medical marijuana industry; ~~and~~
    - (3) A member of the public; ~~and~~
    - (4) A member of the public with demonstrated expertise in the cultivation of marijuana or the manufacturing of marijuana concentrate and marijuana products;

- (5) A representative of a statewide association representing defense attorneys; and
- (6) A representative of a statewide civil rights organization with a primary mission to advance racial equity and racial justice; and

I. The following ~~3~~ 6 members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

- (1) A representative of a statewide association representing the adult use marijuana industry;
- (2) A member of the public with demonstrated expertise and credentials in public health policy; ~~and~~
- (3) A member of the public;
- (4) A qualifying patient;
- (5) A member of a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State; and
- (6) A representative of the state chapter of a national civil liberties organization.

For all appointments under paragraphs A, B, H and I, an effort must be made in making the appointments to represent the racial and gender diversity of the State.

**Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §902, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

**5. Quorum.** A quorum of the commission consists of ~~8~~ 11 members.