



OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER TO CREATE
THE MAINE DRUG POLICY BOARD

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of all citizens of this State are of utmost importance to this Administration; and

WHEREAS, it is sound public policy to combat the use of and trafficking in illegal drugs which threaten to destroy the health and well-being of citizens of Maine who fall victim to drug abuse, whether as actual abuser or as a family member of an abuser; and

WHEREAS, it is also sound public policy to provide treatment to drug-dependent offenders in order to help them overcome their addiction; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has passed and the President of the United States has signed into law the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, P.L. 99-570, which under Subtitle K calls for the statewide coordination of anti-drug abuse programs by public officials within each state; and

WHEREAS, under P.L. 99-570, Subtitle K, the Governor of each state is strongly encouraged to establish a statewide anti-drug abuse policy board;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. McKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby create the MAINE DRUG POLICY BOARD, the organization and function of which shall be as follows:

Purpose of the Policy Board

The purpose of the Drug Policy Board for the State of Maine is to develop, in conjunction with State, local and Federal officials and under guidelines provided in the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, a comprehensive, coordinated strategy to meet the stated public policy goals of combating the use of and trafficking in illegal drugs throughout Maine as well as providing treatment for drug-dependent offenders.

Membership

The Board shall be composed of the following four members:

- 1) LECC Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maine;
- 2) A County Sheriff, to be selected by the Governor;
- 3) Director, Division of Probation and Parole, Maine Department of Corrections;
- 4) Commissioner, Maine Department of Public Safety.

Officer

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety is appointed Chairman of the Policy Board.

The Commissioner of Public Safety shall continue to serve on the Justice Assistance Council in addition to the Drug Policy Board.

Function and Duties of the Policy Board

The primary duties of the Policy Board shall be as follows:

- Develop a coordinated, statewide drug strategy to
 - Combat the use of and trafficking in illegal drugs
 - Treat and rehabilitate drug-dependent offenders
 - Address the program requirements authorized by Congress under P.L. 99-570; and
- Consult with the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education and Cultural Services and the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Human Services in developing the statewide drug strategy to ensure that the strategy is consistent with and supportive of other state efforts in drug prevention, education and treatment.

Powers and Procedures

The Policy Board shall have the necessary authority to carry out the purpose of this Order.

Meetings of the Policy Board shall take place upon the call of the Chairman.

Terms of Members

Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Any vacancy occurring on the Commission shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

Administration

The three members of the Policy Board, not including the Chairman, shall serve in conjunction with the Justice Assistance Council as fiscal agent for the Policy Board and shall award all Federal grants provided under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, P.L. 99-570.

Such three members of the Policy Board, not including the Chairman, shall have full voting powers on the Justice Assistance Council solely for the purpose of awarding these drug enforcement grants pursuant to P.L. 99-570.

Compensation

Members of the Policy Board shall serve without compensation. Reimbursement of all necessary expenditures incurred by members while in the performance of their duties on the Policy Board which are allowed by State law shall be administered by the above named fiscal agent with funds supplied under P.L. 99-570 or other Federal or State appropriations made pursuant thereto.

This Order shall be in effect as of June 24, 1987.


JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.
Governor