

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 631

H. P. 478

House of Representatives, January 27, 1965

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Authorizing Position to Mobilize Volunteer Services Within
Department of Health and Welfare.**

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

Sec. 1. Mobilize volunteer services. The Department of Health and Welfare is authorized to establish a position or positions to mobilize and direct volunteer services for the purpose of supplementing existing public social services, enriching Maine's programs of social welfare and otherwise bringing to people in need of such services additional help, counsel and guidance.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$8,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and the sum of \$8,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

There are potentially available in the State of Maine a substantial number of volunteers whose services could be mobilized to assist paid employees of the Department of Health and Welfare in handling social welfare problems throughout the State. Such volunteers could be utilized to render some of the non-professional but time-consuming services with the result of the department being able to offer to those needing them many complementary services not currently available. To recruit and effectively utilize these volunteer services, a central unit is required, since these duties cannot be absorbed by existing personnel without a serious impairment of their currently prescribed duties.