

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 707**

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H. P. 560

House of Representatives, February 22, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brenerman of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Permit Juveniles in the Custody of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections to Receive Services from the Department of Human Services.**

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

15 MRSA § 3316, sub-§ 3, is enacted to read:

**3. Provision of services. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent juveniles in the custody of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections from receiving services from the Department of Human Services when the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections, or his designee, determines that receipt of these services is in the best interest of the juvenile.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will enable juveniles in the Department of Mental Health and Corrections to participate in Department of Human Services' funded services, including community residential programs. These juveniles are currently being denied this access because the Department of Human Services will not allocate resources to these clients while they are wards of another department.

This bill does not guarantee these services, but only prohibits discriminatory denial of these services because of correctional custody.