

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 561

House of Representatives, March 4, 2025

### **An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.  
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and  
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old  
Orchard Beach, KUHN of Falmouth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, STOVER of Boothbay,  
Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

1           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** the safety and well-being of victims of domestic violence are of paramount  
4 importance; and

5           **Whereas,** this legislation provides funding for essential services for victims of  
6 domestic violence and must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to ensure  
7 the funding is available at the beginning of fiscal year 2025-26; and

8           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
11 therefore,

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

13           **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
14 allocations are made.

15 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
16 **Purchased Social Services 0228**

17 Initiative: Provides funding for essential services for victims of domestic violence.

18 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
19     All Other	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
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21 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

22           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation  
23 takes effect when approved.

24 **SUMMARY**

25           This bill provides funding for essential services for victims of domestic violence.