

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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year. A Senate Amendment (S-261) added that as an appropriation and required the fee increase to be deposited in the General Fund.

The bill was enacted in the Senate, but after several attempts to revive it, failed enactment in the House.

1683 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE Rep. Ketover HSE-ACCP MAJ (LD 1682)
MONEYS FOR PROGRAMS OF PRE- SEN-ACCP MAJ (LD 1682)
VENTIVE INTERVENTION AND
FAMILY SUPPORT

SUMMARY: LD 1683, the Minority Report's new draft of LD 685, corrected the statutory reference to the license fee, and added a direct appropriation, rather than having a dedicated account.

1650 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND FUND A Sen. Bustin LV/WD
MEDICAL MODEL OF CONGREGATE HSE-ACCP LV/WD
HOUSING SEN-ACCP LV/WD

SUMMARY: The bill authorized the Commissioner of Human Services to establish a medical model of congregate housing as an alternative to nursing home care, and to provide funding to one site for a 2-year demonstration project. Among the conditions for eligibility for receiving a subsidy to participate in the project were that the persons be Medicaid recipients who were classified as requiring ICF-level nursing home care.

There was some concern expressed about the definition of a "medical model" and the limitation to Medicaid recipients, but also strong support for more development of alternatives to institutionalization. Recognizing these points, the Committee developed a new draft, which authorized the Commissioner to provide funds for various alternatives to nursing home care, including rental assistance, and delivery of medical and social services in a congregate housing setting.

The sponsor however withdrew the bill.

1664 RESOLVE, TO ESTABLISH A MAINE Rep. Benoit OTP-A
COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE HSE-ENACT.
AVAILABILITY, QUALITY AND SEN-ENACT.
DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH GOV-SIGNED
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN RESOLVE 83, c. 47

SUMMARY: The bill established a 31-member study commission, including 6 legislators, to study the current procedures for identifying and assisting children who have special psychological, emotional and behavioral needs, and to make recommendations, including legislation, to the 2nd Regular Session of the Legislature.

The Committee Amendment (H-388) changed the term "mental health services for children" to "services provided to children with special needs," to emphasize the broader scope of the Commission. It also