

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 12, 1973

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dyar of Strong.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Providing Funds for Areawide Health Planning Agencies.**

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

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare from the General Fund the sum of \$250,000. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Regional Health Planning Grants		
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000

Provides funds for grants to Regional Health Planning Agencies established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 246(b) and the funds here appropriated shall be pro-rated among existing regional health planning agencies according to their approved budgets as approved by the State Health Planning Agency.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Federal funds for approximately 50% of costs are available for area health planning activities; in Maine there are presently 5 such agencies.

Recent sweeping federal health program legislation reflects greatly increased responsibility and authority for state and local decisions to affect the quality of health care. These funds are necessary to assist local communities to improve their health care.