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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 794

S. P. 269

In Senate, February 13, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing Funds for Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, funds previously allocated for treatment of cystic fibrosis have been sharply curtailed; and

Whereas, it costs an average of \$1,500 to sustain a cystic fibrosis patient for one year; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to alleviate hardship and suffering of many cystic fibrosis patients; and

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

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 \$45,000 to aid in defraying the high costs of drugs and treatment of patients with cystic fibrosis. Any unexpended balances shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.