

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1038

S. P. 339

In Senate, February 22, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Greeley of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Relating to Immediate Payment of Boarding Home Funds.

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

Whereas, by chapter 179 of the private and special laws of 1971 passed at the special session and effective March 13, 1972, the sum of \$200,000 was appropriated by the Legislature for boarding home increases in 1972-73, which with federal matching funds would make \$600,000 available; and

Whereas, the boarding homes have not yet received any payments from said appropriation although the year for payment is more than half over; and

Whereas, the boarding homes in the State are in dire need of said funds to meet their expenses, comply with licensing requirements and to render proper care to state 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

Board homes; payment of appropriated funds. Resolved: That the funds appropriated for boarding home increases in 1972-73 be made available to the homes by the Department of Health and Welfare by sending checks for such increases to the individual homes by March 15, 1973.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Although funds were appropriated by the Legislature at the special session for increased payments to boarding homes for care of state patients starting July 1, 1972, no increased payments have yet been received. The receipt of such funds is necessary to meet expenses, licensing requirements and to render proper care.