

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1689

S. P. 531

In Senate, April 2, 1973

On motion of Senator Hichens of York, referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Anderson of Hancock.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Upgrade the Quality of Care at Bangor State Hospital.**

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

Whereas, the Bangor State Hospital has vital need for funds to upgrade the quality of care; and

Whereas, the funds appropriated for this purpose will lapse on June 30, 1973 without the following legislation; 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:

**P. & S. L., 1971, c. 179, amended.** The last 3 lines of Section A of chapter 179 of the private and special laws of 1971 under the caption "MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPT. OF" which relate to the Bangor State Hospital are amended to read as follows:

All Other	68,590	<del>225,000</del>	*225,000
Provides funds to upgrade the quality of care and treatment.			

**\*Any unexpended balances shall not lapse but shall remain in a continuous carrying account until the purposes of this Act have**

been accomplished and any contractual stipulations within this appropriation shall be repealed.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this bill to allow the \$225,000 appropriated at the last special session of the Legislature to upgrade the quality of care and treatment at Bangor State Hospital to remain in the budget without any contractual stipulations as recommended by the special legislative committee which recently studied the Bangor State Hospital.