

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1878

S. P. 595

In Senate, April 23, 1973

Approved by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule No. 10. Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cox of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Sheltered Group Care Home for Girls.

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

Department of Health and Welfare; appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$263,574, in addition to any and all other appropriations, to enter into agreements with St. Andre's Home, Inc., for purchase of services for unmarried pregnant women, to obtain total care during pregnancies and to assist in making responsible decisions. Services shall include residential care in sheltered homes for small groups, individual and group counseling, including counseling with families and other responsible persons, continuing education and medical services, including complete obstetrical care. As an alternative, the home can be adapted to provide services for other homeless girls. Funds under this Act may be advanced on a monthly or quarterly basis to St. Andre's Home, Inc., with a final accounting at the end of the contract year according to the number of individuals receiving services and the operating costs of the homes. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$131,787	\$131,787

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a system of sheltered residential group homes in Southern, Kennebec and Eastern regions of Maine to serve

unmarried mothers and, as an alternative, to serve as halfway homes for homeless girls with other psycho-social problems. Experience has shown that such homes can provide such services better than large institutions. The sponsors have had 25 years of experience in providing specialized services to Maine's unmarried mothers. Group homes would provide a meaningful alternative to abortion.