

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 155

H. P. 119

House of Representatives, January 9, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Performance Audit. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing that the Department of Health and Welfare Increase
Payments to Flat Rate Nursing Homes.

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

Whereas, the Department of Health and Welfare increased the payment rate to flat rate nursing homes from July through November 1974 to \$485 per month; and

Whereas, the Department of Health and Welfare ceased making payments at this higher rate after November 1974; and

Whereas, this cessation of increased payments resulted from action by the Attorney General; and

Whereas, repeated conflicts have occurred regarding the intent of the Legislature; 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 & SL 1973, c. 221, § 1, that portion under the caption of "Health and Welfare, Department of, Intermediate Care," is amended to read:

All Other

\$350,000

Provides funds ~~to raise payment rates in order to meet increased operating costs attributable to each facility~~ for a 10% rate increase for flat rate nursing homes effective July 1, 1974.

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill relates to the use of previously appropriated funds and no new appropriation is required.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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