

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 626 House of Representatives, February 25, 1975  
Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up  
for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.  
Cosponsor: Mrs. Goodwin of Bath.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Maine Human  
Services Council.

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

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare, Maine Human Services Council, the sum of \$56,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Maine Human Services Council		
Personal Services	(1) \$16,432	(1) \$16,975
All Other	10,804	11,939
Capital Expenditures	350	—
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	\$27,586	\$28,914

Provides funds for per diem expenses of Council members, travel, staff salaries, clerical assistance and other expenses.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Human Services Council was created by the special session of the 106th Legislature (public law 793). The Council was charged with a broad mandate to advise the Director of the Bureau of Human Services, Commissioner of Health and Welfare, other state agencies, the Governor, Legislature and the public at large on all matters relating to administration, funding, evaluation and goals of human services, except services to the elderly. The Human Services Council reviews \$8,000,000 annually in Department of Health and Welfare purchase of service agreements; advises on the appointments of the Directors of the Bureau of Human Services and the Bureau of Maine's Elderly; reviews state agencies' fiscal priorities with regard to human services; reviews, recommends and promotes human services legislation; and makes recommendations on administrative policies in the delivery of human services. The Council operates community hearings to obtain input from consumers, professionals and concerned citizens concerning the effectiveness of and need for human service programs. The Council sponsors special in-depth studies of specific, critical human service issues involving funding and program priorities.

Public Law 793, which created the Council, did not provide funding for legislatively mandated activities. This bill will allow for adequate funding of Council operations through fiscal year ending June 30, 1977. It is anticipated that federal funds will be available to match this appropriation.