

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1077**

H. P. 871

House of Representatives, March 14, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ault of Wayne.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT Providing for a State Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council.

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

34 MRSA § 2064 is enacted to read:

§ 2064. State Planning and Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities

1. Council established. The Governor shall establish a State Planning and Advisory Council and appoint appropriate representatives including such representatives as are required as a condition of eligibility for benefits under an Act entitled, "Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act of 1970," as enacted by P.L. 91-517 on October 30, 1970 by the Congress of the United States, to consult with the Director, Bureau of Mental Retardation, Department of Mental Health and Corrections in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

2. Sole administering agency; powers. Except where a single state agency is otherwise designated or established in accordance with any other state law, the Bureau of Mental Retardation of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections is designated to be the sole agency of the State of Maine to establish and administer any state-wide plan for the construction, equipment, maintenance or operation of any facility for the provision of care, treatment, diagnosis, rehabilitation, training or related services, which plan is now, or may hereafter be required as a condition to the eligibility for benefits pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act of 1970," as enacted by P.L. 91-517 on October 30, 1970 by the Congress of the United States.

The Bureau of Mental Retardation of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections is also authorized to receive, administer and expend any funds that may be available under this federal act or from any other sources public or private, for such purposes.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act authorizes the Bureau of Mental Retardation, Department of Mental Health and Corrections to receive and administer any funds that may be available under an act entitled "Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Amendments of 1970" as enacted by P.L. 91-517 on October 30, 1970 by the Congress of the United States. Further, provision is made for a state-wide planning and advisory council or developmental disabilities to be established by the Governor.