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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 477

In Senate, April 8, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Merrill of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Appropriating Funds for the Pharos House of Portland.

Pharos House of Portland; appropriation. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Pharos House of Portland, the sum of \$30,000 to be used to continue its program of rehabilitation of male inmates of state or federal penal institutions.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Pharos House in Portland provides a halfway house for male inmates of state or federal prison who have only 3 or 4 months left of their sentences. Through a supervised residential program, the Pharos House prepares an inmate for reentrance into society by requiring:

1. Full-time work, training or education or a full-time combination of the above;
2. Participation in program counseling, group meetings and financial planning;
3. Responsibility for maintenance and cleanliness of the facility;
4. Required savings;
5. Use of community resources, e.g., counseling, AA and educational services.
6. A commitment to self-improvement.

The Pharos House was begun with funds from the Law Enforcement Assistance Agency and from Model Cities. The actual cost of its program is comparable to the costs of the penal institutions from which its residents are derived and the program is instrumental in reintegrating inmates into society.

The City of Portland has indicated that it will match the \$30,000 appropriation of this resolve with \$30,000 of its own moneys.