

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1973

H. P. 1815 House of Representatives, January 19, 1976  
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.)

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

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

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 Human Services, Maine Human Services Council, the sum of \$28,054 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1976-77
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Maine Human Services Council	
Personal Services	(1) \$17,250
All Other	10,804
Capital Expenditures	—
	<hr/> \$28,054

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 (PL chapter 793). The Council was charged with a

broad mandate to advise the Director of the Bureau of Resource Development, Commissioner of Human Services, 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 \$17,000,000 annually in Department of Human Services purchase of service agreements; advises on the appointments of the Directors of the Bureau of Resource Development 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 regarding the effectiveness of and need for human service programs. The Council sponsors special indepth studies of specific, critical human service issues involving funding and program priorities.

Public Law chapter 793, which created the Council, did not provide funding for legislatively mandated activities. This bill will allow for adequate funding of Council operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977. It is anticipated that federal funds will be available to match this appropriation. In fiscal year 1975-76, the Legislature appropriated \$27,586.