

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2051

H. P. 1876

House of Representatives, January 22, 1976

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT Providing Funds for Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Emergency Shelter in Portland, Maine, an Emergency Shelter for Girls.**

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

**Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Emergency Shelter; appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Emergency Shelter, an emergency shelter for girls in Portland, the sum of \$15,000 to provide 8 units of shelter nightly, counseling, referral and outreach services to young women between the ages of 7 and 18. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1976-77

**YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
FAIR HARBOR EMERGENCY SHELTER IN  
PORTLAND, MAINE**

Personal Services	\$12,247
All Other	2,753
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	\$15,000

Remaining costs for program operation to be received from local support, private contributions, federal assistance and 3rd party payments.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Emergency Shelter is the only facility in the State of Maine designed to provide 24-hour housing, counseling and referral services for girls from 7 to 18 years of age. Girls from throughout the State are aided and are referred by their families, law enforcement agencies and social service agencies. Fair Harbor Emergency shelter is a viable alternative to institutionalization. All aspects of girls' growth and development are addressed by professional staff. Counseling, vocational and educational planning, recreation, medical and psychological services are available. These services are provided at a far lower cost than in any state-operated facility.

In the 5-month period, August, 1974, to January 1975, 50 girls from 12 Maine counties were sheltered. A total of 725 unit days of shelter were provided.

Federal, Maine Law Enforcement Planning and Assistance Agency and local United Way, Inc. of Greater Portland moneys have been committed for the support of this facility. However, this sum falls short of the amount required to operate the program, therefore the sum of \$15,000 for the year 1976-77 is being requested in order to continue operation of this much needed service to Maine girls and their families.