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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2055

H. P. 1880 House of Representatives, January 22, 1976
Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for
concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hennessey of West Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT Authorizing the Department of Mental Health and Corrections to
Purchase Residential Services.**

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

34 MRSA § 2 is amended to read:

§ 2. General powers

The department shall have authority to perform such acts, relating to the care, custody, treatment, relief and improvement of the inmates of the institutions under its control, as are not contrary to law, or to purchase residential services when the department does not provide the appropriate institutional services for the inmate or client.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Mental Health and Corrections has been purchasing residential care for emotionally disturbed children for over 2 years. There is no specific statutory authorization for this practice. This bill will authorize the purchase of residential service when the department does not provide such service.