

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 199

H. P. 161

House of Representatives, February 1, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Establish Fees for Child Care Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 8104 is enacted to read:

§ 8104. Fee for licenses

The department shall charge an annual fee of \$25 for regular licenses for children's homes having a capacity of 7 to 10 children and \$50 for regular licenses for children's homes having a capacity of more than 10 children.

In addition, the department shall charge a fee of \$25 for temporary or conditional licenses for children's homes having a capacity of 7 to 10 children and \$50 for such licenses for children's homes having a capacity of more than 10 children.

No fee shall be charged by the department for any license issued to a children's home for 6 or less children.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 8204 is enacted to read:

§ 8204. Fee for licenses

The department shall charge an annual fee of \$50 for licenses for child placement agencies.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA § 8303, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 719, § 6, is amended to read:

§ 8303. Fee for licenses

The department shall charge an annual fee of ~~\$10~~ \$15 for regular licenses and a fee of ~~\$10~~ \$15 for temporary or conditional licenses for day care facil-

ities having a capacity of 6 or less children, \$25 for such licenses for day care facilities having a capacity of 7 to 12 children and \$75 for such licenses for day care facilities having a capacity of 13 or more children.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Child care facilities are the only facilities licensed which do not pay a fee for licensure. The Department of Human Services cannot continue to maintain an adequate program of licensing without financial support, due to the increasing costs incurred in inspections completed by both department staff and the State Fire Marshal's office. The department does not propose a fee for foster family home licenses as it is the primary user of this type of care and foster parents do not receive full cost of care.