

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1952**

H. P. 1895

Office of the Clerk of the House

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-EIGHT

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**AN ACT to Increase the Reimbursement for 6-bed Boarding Homes.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, small boarding home facilities, caring for adults in need of shelter and unable to completely care for themselves, perform a vital service for those adults and thus for the citizens of Maine; and

Whereas, in recognition of this service, the State reimburses these small boarding homes for part of the cost of providing that care; and

Whereas, recent sharp increases in fuel, supply and service costs have made this reimbursement inadequate, especially for boarding homes having 6 beds; and

Whereas, it is important to increase state reimbursement for 6-bed boarding homes to an adequate level in order to ensure that they are able to continue to provide needed boarding facilities, and in order to avoid interruption or discontinuance of this service by many 6-bed boarding homes; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 7907 is enacted to read:

**§ 7907. Boarding care payments**

Except as otherwise provided in section 7906, the department shall reimburse all boarding care facilities with 5 or fewer beds at a rate of at least \$200 per month, and shall reimburse all boarding care facilities with 6 beds at a rate of at least \$275 per month.

Sec. 2. PL 1977, c. 527, § 3, is repealed.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is set forth in the emergency preamble.