

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 2074**

H. P. 1979

House of Representatives, January 13, 1978

The Committee on Human Resources suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Trafton of Auburn.

Cosponsors: Ms. Goodwin of Bath, Mrs. Nelson of Portland, Mr. Perkins of Blue Hill.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-EIGHT

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**AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Establish Emergency Shelters for Family Members who are Victims of Family Violence.**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 1677 is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 1677**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR  
VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE**

**§ 8501. Provision of services**

The Bureau of Resource Development of the Department of Human Services shall contract for services with existing nonprofit community-based organizations which have been established for the purpose of providing emergency protective shelters and emergency counseling for family members who are victims of family violence.

**These contracts shall assure that all areas of the State are served by regional shelters located in major population centers.**

**Guidelines and criteria for these contracts shall be developed by the Bureau in Cooperation with the Task Force on Children and Families of the Maine Human Services Council and the Maine Coalition for Family Crisis Services. It is the intent of the Legislature that these organizations participate fully in the contract process.**

**Sec. 2. Report.** The Bureau of Resource Development shall report to the First Regular Session of the 109th Legislature on the progress of establishing shelters pursuant to this Act. This report shall include statistics on shelter costs, usage and services, as well as the integration of shelter services into existing child and adult protective services.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

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Bureau of Resource Development	
All Other	\$300,000

These funds shall be used to establish shelters for family members who are victims of family violence. Any balance of funds in this account on June 30, 1979, shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into Fiscal Year 1980 to be expended for the same purpose.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill appropriates \$300,000 for the establishment of emergency shelters for family members who are victims of family violence. The funds will be distributed through the contracting procedures of the Department of Human Services.