

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 194

In Senate, February 9, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Providing Funds for Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Shelter in Portland.

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

Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Shelter in Portland. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION		
FAIR HARBOR SHELTER PROGRAM IN		
PORTLAND		
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
Provides funds for an emergency shelter for girls in crises, 12 units of shelter nightly, counseling and referral to young women between 7 and 18 years of age.		

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Shelter Program is the only female emergency facility in the State designed to provide 24-hour housing, counseling and referral services for girls from 7 up to 18 years of age. Girls from throughout the State are referred by self, social service agencies, law enforcement agencies and their families. In some instances, the girls are victims of abusive treatment. Fair Harbor Program is a viable alternative to institutionalization. All aspects of the 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.

Over the 4½-year lifetime of the program, more than 800 young women from 14 of the 16 counties of Maine have been served. In the 6-month period, July 1978 to December 1978, 165 young women were sheltered.