

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1293**

S. P. 422

In Senate, March 19, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Pierce of Kennebec.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Establish the Maine Title XX Social Services Act.**

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

22 MRSA c. 1505 is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 1505**

**MAINE TITLE XX SOCIAL SERVICES**

§ 6201. Short title

This chapter shall be known and cited as the "Maine Title XX Social Services Act."

§ 6202. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

1. Documented mandatory operating cost increases. "Documented mandatory operating cost increases" means a documented increase in direct costs, such as food costs, fuel and heating oil costs, and mandatory personnel costs, such as increases in social security payroll taxes, in the minimum wage, or in premiums for workers' compensation or health insurance.

2. **Other funds.** “Other funds” means any state, county, municipal, private or other resources authorized under federal regulations as matching resources which qualify to generate federal funds pursuant to the United States Social Security Act, Title XX.

3. **Title XX.** “Title XX” means Title XX, or its successors, of the United States Social Security Act, as amended.

4. **Title XX funds.** “Title XX funds” means the combined total of all federal, state, municipal and other resources available for encumbrance and expenditure as part of the Title XX program.

**§ 6203. Encumbrance and expenditure of appropriations**

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services shall administer all appropriations to the account identified as “Bureau of Resource Development - Title XX Contingency Account,” or its successors, in accordance with the following.

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this account shall be to ensure full encumbrance and expenditure of all Title XX funds to the maximum allowable limits of combined federal, state and other resources, as determined by the federally authorized matching formula. Funds in the account shall not lapse but shall carry forward from year to year to be expended pursuant to this section.

2. **Further purpose.** The further purpose of this account shall be to ensure the availability of funds for social services purchased under the Title XX program to meet the contingency of documented mandatory operating cost increases directly related to provisions of purchased social services. Funds in the account shall be encumbered only when matched by other funds sufficient to meet 25% of the total cost of providing purchased social services pursuant to contracts between the Department of Human Services and nonprofit community agencies.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to enact certain provisions relating to purchase of social services as a chapter in the Maine Revised Statutes as recommended by the Maine Human Services Council. The further purpose of this bill is to clarify the availability of funds to purchase social services pursuant to contracts between the Department of Human Services and nonprofit community agencies.