

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1343

STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-455)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.  
1087, L.D. 1343, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide a Grant to Community  
Health Services, Inc., for a Long-term Demonstration Project."

Amend the Amendment by striking out everything after  
the title and inserting in its place the following:

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inserting in its place the following:

AN ACT to Provide Grants to Community Health Services for a  
Long-term Demonstration Project.

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after  
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds shall be  
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes  
of this Act.

1979-80

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Community and home health agencies

All Other \$100,000

Funds appropriated by this  
Act shall be used to establish at least  
4 pilot programs, in both urban  
and rural areas, to provide  
grants to certified community  
and home health agencies in  
Maine, if accepted proposals  
are submitted, to be matched  
by federal funds under the  
United States Social Security

Act, Title XIX and other federal grant programs, in order that they may demonstrate in their area of the State the relative cost of providing health services to persons in need of long-term care at home as a less costly alternative to institutional care. No agency match shall be necessary.

Sec. 2. Eligibility standards. The Commissioner of Human Services shall establish eligibility standards which shall be used to determine in which areas the program shall be established and which agencies within those areas shall receive grants.

Sec. 3. Report. The Commissioner of Human Services shall, upon completion of these programs, submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services a report evaluating the effectiveness of these programs and his recommendations as to future actions.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to assure that this pilot project be open to all community health agencies of this State on a competitive basis; that careful note should be taken of the diversity of this State in considering rural as well as urban areas to be sure that they are represented, and to state that the department will establish rules by which these grants will be given. The intent also is to assure that the department's findings be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services.