

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1344

H. P. 1090

House of Representatives, March 20, 1979

Speaker laid before the House and Mrs. Prescott of Hampden withdrew her motion to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. And further Motion same Gentlewoman, referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stetson of Wiscasset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Allow Assignment of Personnel in Emergency Situations.

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

34 MRSA § 1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 674, § 28, is amended by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

When emergency situations are certified by the institution head to exist at an institution, the commissioner may, with the approval of the Governor, assign such personnel as may be necessary from another institution or division of the department to assist in controlling the emergency situation. The assignment shall be only for the period during which the emergency exists and any personnel transferred shall receive compensation as required by the Personnel Law and rules and contract terms.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Current law provides no specific authority for the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections to temporarily assign personnel from one facility to another in the case of emergencies such as floods, riots or other critical situations. The purpose of this bill is to provide the authority.