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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
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(Filing No. S-413)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 724, L.D. 1873, Bill,
"AN ACT to Develop Elderly Congregate Housing in Maine."

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out in that part designated "§5153." all of subsection 2, and by renumbering subsection 3 to be subsection 2.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§5153." by striking out subsections 4 and 5 and inserting in their place the following:

3. Awarding of grants. Awarding of grants during fiscal year 1981- 82 to support social services in eligible private or nonprofit projects; and

4. Payment mechanism. Developing an appropriate payment mechanism which may include a provision to require residents to pay up to 50% of the cost of social services they receive. Allocation for social services under this part shall not exceed \$80 for an individual tenant or \$120 for each couple residing in the project.

Statement of Fact

The bill, as amended, appropriates funds to the Bureau of Maine's Elderly to support social services in 2 demonstration congregate housing projects, one in a rural area and the other in a city.

These facilities will serve 96 people for the budget period at a cost of \$910 per year per person for services rendered.

The appropriation on the bill is based on experience in Maryland, Massachusetts and Vermont, budgeting up to \$80 per month to provide social services to individuals and up to \$120 per month to provide these services to couples. These services include individual case management, meals, transportation, housekeeping and personal services.

The cost of housing construction and rent subsidies for residents will be paid with federal funds from Farmers Home Administration and the Maine State Housing Authority.

The amendment clarifies the point that residents may be required to contribute up to 50% of the cost of social services they receive and sets the upper limit as \$80 and \$120 for an individual and a couple, respectively. It also inserts language specifying that eligible projects may be private or nonprofit.

Majority of the
Reported by the/Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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