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Office of the Secretary of the Senate

Submitted by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

Reference to the Committee on State Government suggested.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

Cosponsor: Senator Ault of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing for the Maine State Housing Authority Financing of Intermediate Care Facility Group Homes for the Retarded and Persons with Retarded Conditions.

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

30 MRSA § 4601-A, sub-§ 2, ¶ C, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 522, § 1-A, is amended to read:

C. Any nursing home or related institution licensed or subject to license by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Title 22, section 1817, **except intermediate care facility group homes for the mentally retarded and persons with related conditions.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The change allows the Maine State Housing Authority to continue to participate in the financing of community residences for the developmentally disabled. In order to take advantage of federal funds, the Departments of Mental Health and Corrections and Human Services have altered the funding mechanism for community homes for board and care, state funded, to Federal Title XIX, intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded. Programs and services to the developmentally disabled remain the same. Under the current statutes the Maine State Housing Authority cannot participate in the financing of nursing

homes and related institutions. The proposal maintains the general prohibition but allows the Maine State Housing Authority to continue to participate in the development of specialized homes for the developmentally disabled population who eventually use Title XIX funds for general operating costs. The proposed change is consistent with the policies of the Departments of Mental Health and Corrections, Human Services and the Maine State Housing Authority to work closely to achieve the maximum use of all resources to create appropriate community residences for Maine's deinstitutionalized population.