

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 503

H. P. 456

House of Representatives, January 29, 1981

The Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Representative Prescott of Hampden referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Prescott of Hampden.

Cosponsor: Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Improve the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program's Capacity to Respond to Nursing and Boarding Home Complaints.

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

Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Maine Committee on Aging		
Nursing Home Ombudsman Program		
Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	\$16,800	\$17,500
All Other	7,500	7,500
Total	\$24,300	\$25,000
Provides one additional staff person		

and sufficient funds for travel, expenses and other costs associated with the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program's activities statewide.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Currently, the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program has one staff person who performs investigations of complaints made by or on behalf of residents of Maine's nursing and boarding homes statewide. To improve the capacity of the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program to respond to the approximately 500 complaints which are lodged with the program annually, this bill seeks funding for one additional staff person plus expenses.

The Governor's Long Term Care Task Force ranked funding for the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program as a high priority.