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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

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7 S.P. 181

In Senate, February 2, 1983

8 Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 2, 1983. Referred to
9 the Committee on Health and Institutional Services, and ordered printed
10 pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

Cosponsor: Representative Macomber of So. Portland.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Reinstate the Authority of the
18 Division of Eye Care to Carry out Certain
19 Aspects of its Prevention of Blindness
20 Programs.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3500-A, as amended by PL 1981,
25 c. 703, Pt. A, §26, is further amended to read:

26 §3500-A. Jurisdiction of Director of Division of Eye
27 Care, defined

28 Jurisdiction of director means having direct
29 administrative responsibility for all programs and
30 personnel under Division of Eye Care, sections 3500
31 to 3512, ~~except~~ including section 3501-A.

32 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3501, as amended by PL 1981, c.
33 703, Pt. A, §27, is further amended to read:

1 §3501. Program established

2 The division shall provide a program of services
3 for the blind, including the prevention of blindness,
4 the locating of blind persons, medical services for
5 eye conditions, vocational guidance and training of
6 the blind, the placement of blind persons in employ-
7 ment, assistance to the blind in marketing the prod-
8 ucts of home industries, the instruction of the adult
9 blind in their homes and other social services to the
10 blind.

11 Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3501-A, first ¶, as enacted by
12 PL 1981, c. 703, Pt. A, §28, is amended to read:

13 The department shall provide medical eye services
14 Division of Eye Care shall provide medical services
15 for eye conditions, including corrective glasses, to
16 individuals who have an annual income not exceeding
17 80% of the state's median income adjusted for family
18 size and who have:

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 The purpose of this bill is to reinstate the
21 authority of the Division of Eye Care, Department of
22 Human Services, to carry out the "medical eye care
23 aspects" of its "Prevention of Blindness Programs,"
24 thus ensuring that a continuity of specialized
25 resources is available to blind and visually impaired
26 citizens of Maine, as well as those who are labeled
27 at medical risk relative to potential loss of vision.

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