

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (EMERGENCY)  
2 (After Deadline)

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

No. 1606

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9 H.P. 1207 House of Representatives, May 12, 1983  
10 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to  
Joint Rule 27.

11 Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Representative Carter of  
Portland, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent  
12 up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Armstrong of Wilton.

13 Cosponsors: Representative Dexter of Kingfield, Senator Violette of Aroostook  
and Representative Brown of Livermore Falls.

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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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19 AN ACT to Promote Efficient Completion  
20 of the State Weatherization Program.  
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22 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
23 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
24 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

25 Whereas, there exists in this State in excess of  
26 24,000 households currently eligible for  
27 weatherization assistance; and

28 Whereas, this State receives substantial revenues  
29 from federal sources, oil overcharge restitutions and  
30 state sources; and

31 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
32 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
33 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
34 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-

1 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
2 therefore,

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

5 § 3518-A is enacted to read:

6 §3518-A. Division of community services; weatheriza-  
7 tion program

8 The Division of Community Services, as the state  
9 agency empowered to administer the weatherization  
10 program, shall ensure the efficient completion of  
11 that program in a manner consistent with state law.  
12 The division shall promote:

13 1. Interagency cooperation. Interagency cooper-  
14 ation across designated services boundaries to ensure  
15 efficient and expeditious weatherization of eligible  
16 households; and

17 2. Flexibility. Flexibility in the implementa-  
18 tion of the weatherization program through use of,  
19 but not limited to:

20 A. Private sector subcontractors;

21 B. Self-help application;

22 C. Direct labor and materials;

23 D. Private nonprofit subcontractors; or

24 E. Volunteers.

25 With the consent of the Director of Community  
26 Services, the division may, consistent with the  
27 provisions provided in this chapter, initiate and  
28 sponsor a weatherization program capable of meeting  
29 the weatherization needs of an area not otherwise  
30 being met.

31 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited  
32 in the preamble, this Act shall become effective July  
33 1, 1983.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill directs the Division of Community Services to use its resources in such a manner so as to ensure the effective and expeditious completion of Maine's weatherization program.

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