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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1815

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7 H.P. 1392

House of Representatives, January 4, 1984

8 Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans. Ordered
9 printed and sent up for concurrence.

10 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint
Rule 26.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Kelleher of Bangor.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Joyce of Portland and Senator Conley of
Cumberland.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT to Repeal the Law Requiring
18 Adult Children to Care for Parents
19 According to Ability.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 19 MRSA §219, as last amended by PL 1969, c.
24 433, §34, is repealed.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 The 1983 Blaine House Conference on Aging dis-
27 cussed the current law and voted that the law should
28 be repealed for the following reasons:

29 1. Attempts to endorse relative financial re-
30 sponsibility for the care of aging and infirm rela-
31 tives would not be cost effective, would tend to set

1 up conflicts within families and would add to the po-
2 tential for the abuse of elders being cared for; and

3 2. Maine's experience with its Home Based Care
4 Program has ample documentation to show that families
5 are assisting with the care of their elders to the
6 limits of their psychological and other resources.

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