

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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7 H.P. 1777

House of Representatives, March 22, 1984

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

10 Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up  
for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Andrews of Portland.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Nelson of Portland, Representative  
Ainsworth of Yarmouth and Senator Wood of York.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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17 RESOLVE, Establishing a Task Force on  
18 Head Injuries.  
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20 Head injuries; purpose. Resolved: That the Leg-  
21 islature notes that there are approximately 3,500  
22 people in Maine who have suffered head injuries as a  
23 result of accidents. Since there is no one agency in  
24 State Government responsible for people with head in-  
25 juries, there is a lack of coordination of existing  
26 services and insufficient awareness of available pro-  
27 grams and services. The nature of head injuries var-  
28 ies greatly, as does the age of those injured. The  
29 funds available to assist handicapped persons are in-  
30 sufficient to aid all who need assistance, and many  
31 necessary services are not available; and be it fur-  
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33 Task force on head injuries; establish-  
34 ment. Resolved: That the Legislature establishes a  
35 Task Force on Head Injuries. The task force shall  
36 consist of 12 persons, named by the President of the

1 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representa-  
2 tives, representing executive agencies, the Legisla-  
3 ture, the medical and social service professions and  
4 citizens with experience and knowledge of head inju-  
5 ries. The members shall be: A designee of the Com-  
6 missioner of Human Services; a designee of the Com-  
7 missioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; a  
8 designee of the Commissioner of Educational and Cul-  
9 tural Services; one Senator; one Representative; 5  
10 representatives of the Maine Head Injury Foundation;  
11 a representative of the Maine Medical Association;  
12 and a representative of a community-based,  
13 consumer-oriented provider of care; and be it further

14 **Study of existing services. Resolved:** That the  
15 task force survey existing services available in  
16 Maine for persons with head injuries and their fami-  
17 lies; and be it further

18 **Coordination and cooperation. Resolved:** That  
19 the task force study the feasibility of case coordi-  
20 nation, interagency cooperation and designation of a  
21 lead agency for persons with head injuries; and be it  
22 further

23 **Review of existing statutes and pro-**  
24 **grams. Resolved:** That the task force review exist-  
25 ing statutes, programs and rules which might be  
26 adopted to serve persons with head injuries; and be  
27 it further

28 **Education. Resolved:** That the task force under-  
29 take efforts to educate the public about the causes,  
30 prevention, treatment and management of head inju-  
31 ries; and be it further

32 **Report. Resolved:** That the task force report to  
33 the 112th Legislature, by January 1985. The report  
34 shall include recommendations for administrative ac-  
35 tion and for legislation, together with any necessary  
36 appropriations; and be it further

37 **Compensation. Resolved:** That all members of the  
38 task force shall receive compensation for travel and  
39 other necessary expenses incurred in the performance  
40 of their duties; and be it further

1       **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the sum of \$3,500  
2 be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this re-  
3 solve.

4                               STATEMENT OF FACT

5       This resolve establishes a 12-member task force  
6 to study the problems of persons with head injuries  
7 in Maine. The task force is to review current ser-  
8 vices, rules and statutes and to make recommendations  
9 as to changes in or additions to them. They are to  
10 submit their findings and recommendations in a report  
11 to the 112th Legislature.

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