

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 512

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7 S.P. 194

In Senate, February 12, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
9 suggested.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Najarian of Cumberland, Senator Berube of  
Androscoggin and Representative Manning of Portland.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Provide State Funding Necessary to  
18 Match Federal Funds for Home and  
19 Community Based Services for Older  
20 Citizens.  
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
23 follows:

24 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropri-  
25 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes  
26 of this Act.

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
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28	<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>	
29	<u>DEPARTMENT OF,</u>	
30	Bureau of Medical	\$908,497
31	Services	\$964,649

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The Department of Human Services has been granted a Medicaid waiver from the Federal Government which enables Maine to offer home and community based services to individuals financially eligible for care in a nursing facility but who were previously over the income criteria for Medicaid if residing in their own homes.

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The waiver has been authorized for 3 years and will serve 1679 individuals aged 60 or older who are currently in a nursing home or who need nursing home care. Services offered under the waiver include case management, adult day health, personal care, homemaker, home health, transportation, emergency response systems and mental health services. A total of \$8,000,000 will be made available over 3 years. Approximately 70% will be funded by federal funds and 30% by state funds. The first year of the waiver, the state match will come from the state's Home Based Care Program. This bill provides funds to provide the match for years 2 and 3 of the waiver. These funds are necessary in order not to erode the Home Based Care Program's flexibility and effectiveness in serving those individuals still ineligible for the waiver but who are in need of home care.

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The Department of Human Services' waiver request to the Federal Government states that, should be Legislature not provide the match for years 2 and 3, the Home Based Care Program will be used to provide the match. The Department of Human Services' budget does not include these matching funds.

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This bill emanated from a resolution of the 1984 Blaine House Conference on Aging and is a priority of the Maine Committee on Aging.

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