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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. 533

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7 S.P. 199

In Senate, February 13, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered
9 printed.

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

Presented by Senator Brown of Washington.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Perkins of Hancock, Representative Vose of
Eastport, and Representative Foster of Ellsworth.

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 Establish a Downeast Emergency
18 Medical Services Regional Office to
19 Serve Hancock and Washington Counties.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 32 MRSA §89, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
24 661, §2, is amended to read:

25 1. Regions to be established; regional councils.
26 The commissioner shall delineate regions within the
27 State for the purposes of this chapter. The commis-
28 sioner shall set out conditions under which an orga-
29 nization in each region may be recognized by the de-
30 partment as the regional council for that region. A
31 regional council shall, at least, provide adequate
32 representation for ambulance and rescue services,
33 emergency room physicians and nurses, each hospital
34 and the general public. A regional council shall be
35 structured to adequately represent each major geo-
36 graphical part of its region. Only one regional

1 council shall be recognized in any region. For pur-
2 poses of this chapter, Hancock and Washington Coun-
3 ties are designated a separate region known as the
4 Downeast Emergency Medical Services Region.

5 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are
6 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
7 purposes of this Act.

8		<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
9	<u>HUMAN SERVICES,</u>		
10	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
11	Bureau of Health		
12	All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 Hancock County and Washington County are current-
15 ly in the Bangor area emergency medical services re-
16 gion. This bill establishes a separate region for
17 those counties.

18 The emergency medical services in Hancock and
19 Washington Counties are experiencing severe problems
20 in manpower and morale. Part of the problem is be-
21 cause of the vast territory covered by the regional
22 office in Bangor. Examinations of current personnel,
23 is more costly than the local people can afford. New
24 volunteers cannot be found to fill the vacancies.

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