

# 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. 1112

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7 S.P. 402

In Senate, March 26, 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 Gill of Cumberland.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Manning of Portland, Representative  
Nelson of Portland and Representative Connolly of Portland.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT Concerning Programs for the Homeless.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. Study commission created. There is cre-  
22 ated the Commission to Study Social and Health Ser-  
23 vices for the Homeless.

24 Sec. 2. Appointment. The commission shall con-  
25 sist of 7 members, as follows: The Commissioner of  
26 Human Services, or his designee; the Commissioner of  
27 Mental Health and Mental Retardation, or his desig-  
28 nee; and 5 members appointed by the Governor repre-  
29 senting community-based programs providing mental  
30 health services, drug or alcohol related services,  
31 employment services, housing services and other so-  
32 cial services for the homeless. The commission shall  
33 choose a chairman from among its members.

34 Sec. 3. Duties. The commission shall undertake  
35 a complete study of current community-based programs

1 and services available to the homeless within the  
2 State. The study shall focus on the adequacy, effec-  
3 tiveness and availability of those programs and ser-  
4 vices and the possibility of cooperation and coordi-  
5 nation among these programs and services in order to  
6 improve the quality of services provided to the home-  
7 less.

8       **Sec. 4. Compensation.** Members of the commission  
9 shall not receive any compensation, but shall be re-  
10 imburshed for all necessary expenses.

11       **Sec. 5. Reports.** The commission shall present  
12 its findings, together with any recommended legisla-  
13 tion, to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Leg-  
14 islature.

15   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16       This bill creates the Commission to Study Social  
17 and Health Services for the Homeless.

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