

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 1703

6 H.P. 1198

House of Representatives, December 20, 1985

7 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
8 pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

9 Received by the Clerk of the House on December 20, 1985. Referred to
10 the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans and 1,600 ordered printed
pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Erwin of Oxford, Senator Dutremble of York
and Representative Paul of Sanford.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT to Authorize the Establishment of
18 Veterans' Homes in Northern and
19 Southern Maine.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §316-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
24 1981, c. 705, Pt. V, §36, is amended to read:

25 1. Health care facilities. Any health care fa-
26 cility:

27 A. Operated by religious groups relying solely
28 on spiritual means through prayer for healing; ~~or~~

29 B. For which any construction, modification or
30 other change subject to this Act has been re-
31 viewed and has received approval pursuant to the
32 United States Social Security Act, Section 1122,
33 from appropriate agencies prior to the effective
34 ~~date of this Act~~ July 1, 1982; or

1 C. Owned and operated by this State.

2 Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §601, as enacted by PL 1983,
3 c. 460, §3, is amended to read:

4 §601. Home established; purpose

5 As previously established, there shall be a home
6 for veterans in Maine known as the "Maine Veterans'
7 Home". There shall be 3 public homes for veterans in
8 Maine, known collectively as the "Maine Veterans'
9 Home". In addition to the presently existing 120-bed
10 Maine Veterans' Home located in Augusta, the Legisla-
11 ture declares that there is a need for a 120-bed vet-
12 erans' nursing home located in southern Maine and a
13 nursing home of size and scope to meet the needs of
14 veterans in Aroostook County. The planning and de-
15 velopment of these 2 additional homes are entrusted
16 to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Home.
17 The primary purpose of the home shall be to provide
18 support and care for honorably discharged veterans
19 who served in the United States Armed Forces during
20 wartime, including the Korean Conflict and the Viet
21 Nam War.

22 Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §602, sub-§6, as enacted by PL
23 1983 c. 460 §3, is amended to read:

24 6. Borrow funds. Borrow funds, not in excess of
25 \$1,000,000 in the aggregate, make and issue bonds and
26 negotiate notes and other evidences of indebtedness
27 or obligations of the veterans' home for prudent and
28 reasonable capital, operational and maintenance pur-
29 poses. The home may secure payments of all or part
30 of the obligations by pledge of part of the revenues
31 or assets of the home which are available for pledge
32 and which may be lawfully pledged or by mortgage of
33 part, or all, of any property owned by the home. The
34 home may do all lawful things necessary and incidental
35 to those powers. The home may borrow money from
36 the Federal Government and its agencies, from state
37 agencies and from any other source. The home may
38 borrow money from the State subject to approval by
39 the Treasurer of State and the Governor. Bonds,
40 notes and other evidences of indebtedness issued un-
41 der this subsection shall not be deemed to constitute

1 debts of the State, nor a pledge of the credit of the
2 State, but shall be payable solely from the funds of
3 the home; and

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STATEMENT OF FACT

5 The purpose of this bill is to authorize the es-
6 tablishment of 2 additional nursing homes for veter-
7 ans in the northern and southern sections of Maine in
8 order to meet the demands of the aging veteran popu-
9 lation in need of such care. The ceiling on borrow-
10 ing authority is removed in order to accomplish this
11 purpose.

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