

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
6

7 Legislative Document

No. 1890

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9 S.P. 737

In Senate, January 16, 1986

10 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

11 Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
suggested and ordered printed.

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

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative Hickey of Augusta.

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14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
18

19 AN ACT to Provide for Continuation of the
20 Living in the Community Program for Chronically
21 Mentally Ill Persons.
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23 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
24 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
25 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

26 Whereas, the continued provision of housing
27 referrals and support, daily living skills and social
28 services to chronically mentally ill persons is es-
29 sential to this population and important to the com-
30 munities in which they reside; and

31 Whereas, the numbers of persons with chronic men-
32 tal disabilities in the community have increased to a
33 significant level; and

34 Whereas, such services are uniquely provided in
35 the Augusta area by the Living in the Community Pro-

1 gram operated by Motivational Services, Incorporated;
2 and

3 Whereas, the historical mixture of financial sup-
4 port for this program has changed so that continued
5 operation is impossible without additional state sup-
6 port; and

7 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
8 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
9 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
10 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
11 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore,

13 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
14 follows:

15 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
16 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
17 of this Act.

18 1985-86 1986-87

19 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL
20 RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF

21 Bureau of Mental Health		
22 All Other	\$47,000	\$47,000
23 Provides funds for		
24 continuation of the		
25 Living in the Commu-		
26 nity Program by		
27 Motivational Ser-		
28 vices, Incorporated.		

29 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
30 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
31 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to assure, through
3 the appropriation of General Funds, that sufficient
4 resources continue to be available for the survival
5 and continued operation of a psycho-social program
6 for chronically mentally ill persons in the Augusta
7 area. This appropriation is necessitated by the de-
8 cision of the Maine Independent Living Center (MILC)
9 to discontinue federal funding to Motivational Ser-
10 vices, Incorporated. This decision was made after
11 all other mental health funds had been allocated and
12 no other resources are available.

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