

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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8 H.P. 1604 House of Representatives, March 25, 1986  
9 Reported by Representative Perry from the Committee on Aging,  
10 Retirement and Veterans and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill  
11 sponsored by Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by Senator Erwin  
of Oxford, Senator Dutremble of York and Representative Paul of Sanford.

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

24 Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §601, as enacted by PL 1983,  
25 c. 460, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in  
26 its place:

27 §601. Home established; purpose

28 There shall be public homes for veterans in Maine  
29 known as "Maine Veterans' Homes." In addition to the  
30 presently existing home located in Augusta, a 120-bed  
31 home located in southern Maine and a home, not to ex-  
32 ceed 60 beds, located in Aroostook County, may be  
33 constructed if federal Veterans' Administration funds  
34 are available to meet part of the costs of each fa-

1 cility for construction or operation. The board of  
2 trustees shall plan and develop these additional  
3 homes and may use any funds available for those pur-  
4 poses, except for the Augusta facility's funded de-  
5 preciation account. The primary purpose of the homes  
6 shall be to provide support and care for honorably  
7 discharged veterans who served in the United States  
8 Armed Forces during wartime, including the Korean  
9 Conflict and the Viet Nam War.

10       Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §602, sub-§6, as enacted by PL  
11 1983, c. 460, §3, is amended to read:

12       6. Borrow funds. Borrow funds, not in excess of  
13 ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$5,000,000 in the aggregate, make and is-  
14 sue bonds and negotiate notes and other evidences of  
15 indebtedness or obligations of the veterans' home for  
16 prudent and reasonable capital, operational and main-  
17 tenance purposes. The home may secure payments of  
18 all or part of the obligations by pledge of part of  
19 the revenues or assets of the home which are availa-  
20 ble for pledge and which may be lawfully pledged or  
21 by mortgage of part, or all, of any property owned by  
22 the home. The home may do all lawful things neces-  
23 sary and incidental to those powers. The home may  
24 borrow money from the Federal Government and its  
25 agencies, from state agencies and from any other  
26 source. The home may borrow money from the State  
27 subject to approval by the Treasurer of State and the  
28 Governor. Bonds, notes and other evidences of in-  
29 debtedness issued under this subsection shall not be  
30 deemed to constitute debts of the State, nor a pledge  
31 of the credit of the State, but shall be payable  
32 solely from the funds of the home; and

33       Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §603, as amended by PL 1983,  
34 c. 812, §285, is further amended to read:

35       §603. Board of trustees

36       The administration of the home homes is vested in  
37 the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Home  
38 Homes, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004, sub-  
39 section 8. The board shall consist of 9 10 members,  
40 one of whom shall be the Director of the Bureau of  
41 Veterans' Services, ex officio, who shall serve with-



1 that the Governor shall insure that members of the  
2 board shall be distributed across the State with 3  
3 coming from the southern part of the State, 3 from  
4 the central part and 3 from the northern part.

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