

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. 2280

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7 S.P. 913

In Senate, March 31, 1986

8 Reported by Senator Bustin of Kennebec from the Joint Select
9 Committee on Nursing Care Needs pursuant to Resolve 1985, Chapter 47.
10 Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources suggested
and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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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 Additional Facilities for
18 Long-term Care.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Legislative intent. It is the intent of the Leg-
23 islature to authorize the Department of Human Ser-
24 vices to include the cost of 270 new intermediate
25 care facility beds in its current services budget in
26 the next biennium. It is further the intent of this
27 Legislature that the Department of Human Services so-
28 licit proposals for new beds and complete the certif-
29 icate of need approval for those 270 new beds as soon
30 as possible, but, in any case, not later than July 1,
31 1989.

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FISCAL NOTE

2 The addition of 270 new beds will add \$5,400,000
3 in annual expenditures to the Medicaid program:
4 \$1,700,000 from the General Fund and \$3,700,000 fed-
5 eral Medicaid matching funds. These funds, and conse-
6 quently the additional appropriations, will not be
7 needed until fiscal year 1988 because of the lead
8 time required to approve and construct intermediate
9 care facilities.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

11 The Joint Select Committee on Nursing Home Needs
12 studied the long-term care needs for Maine's citi-
13 zens. That study determined that Maine's population
14 in need of long-term care will increase considerably
15 over the next 25 years. The committee identified a
16 severe shortage in intermediate care facility beds
17 and skilled nursing facility beds in Maine. This
18 shortage was exacerbated by the fact that no new beds
19 have been funded during the last fiscal year. There
20 is a 2-year to 3-year delay in constructing new beds
21 from the time they are authorized because of the com-
22 petitive certificate of need process to determine who
23 will receive the new beds and because of the time re-
24 quired for construction. Unless immediate action is
25 taken, the shortage of beds will increase and access
26 to care will be denied an ever increasing number of
27 Maine citizens.

28 This bill provides authorization for 270 new
29 beds. This will authorize the 180 beds which should
30 have been authorized during the last biennium and an
31 additional 90 beds for the following year. While this
32 number will not meet the total need for new long-term
33 care beds, it will allow an affordable beginning to
34 reduce the bed deficit.

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