

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 169

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S.P. 83

In Senate, February 3, 1987

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative HICKEY of Augusta,  
Representative PARADIS of Augusta, Senator DOW of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

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1 AN ACT to Provide for Continuation of the  
2 Living in the Community Program for  
3 Chronically Mentally Ill Persons.  
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5 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
6 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
7 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

8 Whereas, the Legislature, in Public Law 1985,  
9 chapter 761, expressed the intent that if  
10 Motivational Services, Inc., complies with Maine In-  
11 dependent Living guidelines for board composition,  
12 then the Maine Independent Living Center shall re-  
13 store the funds for the operation of the LINC Social  
14 Club; and

1           Whereas, Motivational Services, Inc., complied  
2 with these guidelines, but funds were not restored;  
3 and

4           Whereas, the continued provision of housing  
5 referrals and support, daily living skills and social  
6 services to chronically mentally ill persons is es-  
7 sential to this population and important to the com-  
8 munities in which they reside; and

9           Whereas, the numbers of persons with chronic men-  
10 tal disabilities in the community have increased to a  
11 significant level; and

12           Whereas, such services are uniquely provided in  
13 the Augusta area by the Living in the Community Pro-  
14 gram operated by Motivation Services, Inc.; and

15           Whereas, the historical mixture of financial sup-  
16 port for this program has changed so that continued  
17 operation is impossible without additional state sup-  
18 port; and

19           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
20 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
21 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
22 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
23 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
24 therefore,

25 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
26 follows:

27           Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-  
28 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes  
29 of this Act.

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31 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL  
32 RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF

33 Bureau of Mental Health

34 All Other \$37,000

1 Provides funds  
2 for the continu-  
3 ation of the  
4 Living in the  
5 Community Pro-  
6 gram by  
7 Motivational  
8 Services, Inc.

9 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited  
10 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
11 proved.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 The purpose of this bill is to assure, through  
14 the appropriation of General Funds, that sufficient  
15 resources continue to be available for the survival  
16 and continued operation of a psychosocial program for  
17 chronically mentally disabled persons in the Augusta  
18 area. This appropriation is necessitated by the de-  
19 cision of the Maine Independent Living Center, MILC,  
20 to restore only \$10,109 to Motivational Services,  
21 Inc., despite the directive of the 112th Legislature  
22 to restore funds to the previous level if  
23 Motivational Services, Inc., restructured their gov-  
24 erning board to include a majority of direct service  
25 consumers.

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