

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 262

H.P. 210 House of Representatives, February 5, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Representative CARTER of Winslow, Senators
BALDACCI of Penobscot and GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Increase State Funding for
2 Homemaker Services.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropri-
7 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
8 of this Act.

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
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10	<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>	
11	Purchased Social Services	
12	Homemaker Services	\$165,061 \$342,502

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Recent funding cuts on the federal and state lev-
3 el have resulted in decreased availability of state-
4 wide homemaker in-home services. This appropriation
5 will enable the State's 6 homemaker programs,
6 Aroostook County Homemaker Services, Community Health
7 and Counseling Services in Hancock, Penobscot and
8 Piscataquis Counties, Washington County Homemaker
9 Services, Diocesan Human Relations Services Homecare
10 in Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln,
11 Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset and Waldo Counties,
12 Androscoggin Home Health Services and Holy Innocents
13 Home Care in Cumberland and York Counties, to provide
14 direct services at levels existing prior to 1986.
15 This appropriation is intended to supplement current
16 funding and meet increased need.

17 Homemaker services are provided primarily to el-
18 derly and disabled individuals and individuals in
19 need of assistance with parenting. Services provided
20 by homemaker and home health aides include assistance
21 with meal planning and preparation, household manage-
22 ment and budgeting, adult and child protective care
23 services, emotional support and relief to primary
24 caretakers, all with the goal of encouraging motiva-
25 tion toward achieving self-sufficiency and indepen-
26 dence.

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