

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 284

S.P. 111

In Senate, February 9, 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 GILL of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin, Representative PINES of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Prevent Inappropriate
2 Institutionalization of Mentally and
3 Physically Handicapped Persons.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

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

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
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11	<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>	
12	Bureau of Rehabilitation	
13	All Other	\$250,000 \$250,000

1 Provides funds for in-
2 dependent living ser-
3 vices and Home Based
4 Care for nonelderly.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 Bureau of Rehabilitation statistics indicate that
7 56 people are on waiting lists for independent living
8 services. Approximately 174 people will not receive
9 services unless these funds are made available.

10 Additionally, 70 persons under 60 years of age
11 will not be able to remain in their own homes because
12 Home Based Care funds for nonelderly persons are not
13 available. The cost of institutionalization is far
14 more than the average cost of in-home care as cur-
15 rently provided by the bureau. Appropriation of
16 these funds results in a significant long-term sav-
17 ings to the taxpayer.

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