

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 467

S.P. 163 In Senate, February 20, 1987  
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative  
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.  
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 Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Speaker  
MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative DIAMOND of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Expand the Medicaid Dental Program  
2 to Include Adults.  
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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.

9 1988-89

10 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPART-  
11 MENT OF

12 Office of Dental  
13 Health

1 All Other \$900,000  
2 Funds to be used  
3 for adult dental  
4 services.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The Maine Medicaid program provides coverage for  
7 dental services only for persons up to age 21. At  
8 present, there is no program in any state agency  
9 through which low-income adults can obtain assistance  
10 in paying for dental services. Dental problems, if  
11 unchecked, can lead to cancer, weight loss, nutri-  
12 tional imbalances, bone loss, through periodontal  
13 disease, and other conditions. Individuals who expe-  
14 rience dental problems are more likely to be absent  
15 from work or may find it difficult to secure employ-  
16 ment. This bill covers basic services, diagnostic  
17 procedures, preventive and periodontic procedures,  
18 restorative procedures, extractions, prosthetic pro-  
19 cedures, endodontic procedures, emergencies,  
20 temporomandibular joint treatments and surgery. Ar-  
21 eas to be excluded are: Orthodontics; orthognathic  
22 surgery; periodontal surgery; and fixed partial den-  
23 tures.

24 Due to time needed for policy and fee schedule  
25 development, the effective date for funding will be  
26 fiscal year 1989.

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