

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 486

S.P. 171

In Senate, February 23, 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 SEWALL of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland, Representative RYDELL of Brunswick, Representative KIMBALL of Buxton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Support the Growth and Development  
of Hospice Care in Maine.

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

Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
Funds to be disbursed to the Maine		

1 Hospice Council to  
2 provide partial  
3 support to 23  
4 hospice programs  
5 throughout the  
6 State and to be  
7 used to support the  
8 council for person-  
9 al services, gener-  
10 al operations, edu-  
11 cation and techni-  
12 cal assistance ac-  
13 tivities.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 In Maine, there are 23 hospices providing cover-  
16 age in all counties statewide. The majority of these  
17 programs are volunteer, community-based organizations  
18 currently supported solely by donations. One-half of  
19 these programs do not have any paid staff.

20 Services include, but are not limited to,  
21 respite, transportation, community education,  
22 bereavement support, information and referral and  
23 family household support. Services are provided  
24 through a structured network of trained volunteers  
25 and professionals.

26 The Maine Hospice Council is a broad-based mem-  
27 bership organization whose purpose is to foster the  
28 availability of hospice services throughout Maine.  
29 Activities of the council include technical assist-  
30 ance to new and existing hospices, consumer and  
31 provider education and networking to integrate  
32 hospice concepts and services with existing health  
33 and social service delivery systems whenever possi-  
34 ble.

35 This bill appropriates \$250,000 each year of the  
36 biennium to provide partial support for these ser-  
37 vices.

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