

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2066

S.P. 789 In Senate, January 14, 1988  
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative  
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial  
Affairs suggested and ordered printed.  
JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin,  
Representative MANNING of Portland, Representative HICKEY of  
Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Maximize the Effectiveness of Funds  
2 Appropriated for Long-Term Care.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 Payments to Providers of Intermediate Care  
7 Account. The Department of Human Services shall  
8 review quarterly surplus funds in the Payments to  
9 Providers of Intermediate Care Account. Any General

1 Fund surplus greater than \$500,000, which exists  
2 because nursing home beds have not become available or  
3 because nursing home beds have not been filled, shall  
4 be transferred to the Long-Term Care Account which can  
5 serve eligible individuals in the community.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 Funds are appropriated by the Legislature for  
8 nursing home beds based on a demonstrated need.  
9 Frequently, beds have not become available as  
10 scheduled because of delays in construction or because  
11 of lengthy appeals. Also, beds are remaining unfilled  
12 because of staffing shortages in some parts of the  
13 State. This bill requires a quarterly review of  
14 intermediate care facility funds and requires that any  
15 surplus over \$500,000, because either beds are not  
16 available or are not filled, be transferred to the  
17 Long-Term Care Account to serve eligible individuals  
18 in the community.

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