

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Representative CARTER of Winslow, Senators
BERUBE of Androscoggin and GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Amend the Demonstration Teaching
2 Nursing Home Law.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 37-B MRSa §602-A, as enacted by PL
7 1987, c. 830, §2, is amended to read:

8 §602-A. Development and implementation of geriatric

1 training programs

2 1. Cooperation. The Maine Veterans' Homes
3 shall work cooperatively with appropriate provider and
4 consumer groups; including the Department of Human
5 Services; the Maine Committee on Aging; the Maine
6 Health Care Association; the Home Care Alliance of
7 Maine and the Maine Hospital Association; in order to
8 develop and implement appropriate geriatric training
9 programs.

10 2. Manual; training and educational programs.
11 The Maine Veterans' Homes; in concert with the
12 groups-listed-in-subsection-1; shall:

13 A. Prepare a manual on the clinical care of
14 geriatric patients, to be completed by June 30,
15 1991, with 1/3 of the manual being completed each
16 year;

17 B. Conduct a series of 12 to 14 educational
18 programs annually, in different locations of the
19 State, in order to communicate with health care
20 providers and state surveyors on the content of
21 this manual;

22 C. Prepare a series of 6 to 8 management training
23 programs for nursing personnel and conduct 12 to
24 14 educational programs annually for a period of 3
25 years leading to a formal program of certification
26 in long-term care nursing management; and

27 D. Prepare and conduct such other geriatric
28 educational programs as may be determined
29 appropriate within the limits of the funds
30 authorized for this project.

31 3. Pilot project. The Maine Veterans' Homes
32 shall establish a demonstration project utilizing the
33 concept of a teaching nursing home; in collaboration
34 with appropriate provider and consumer groups; as a
35 mechanism to increase the number of health care
36 providers with improved capabilities to deliver
37 geriatric care to the State's elderly population.

1 4. Fees. The Maine Veterans' Homes shall charge
2 fees for the educational programs and materials
3 provided under this section. The fees charged shall
4 be based on the costs of providing the educational
5 materials.

6 5. Federal funds. The Maine Veterans' Homes
7 shall work with the Department of Human Services in
8 order attempt to obtain maximum federal financial
9 participation in fulfilling the purposes of this
10 section.

11 6. Other funding sources. The Maine Veterans'
12 Homes shall seek, in conjunction with appropriate
13 provider and consumer groups, permanent sources of
14 funding for the continuation of this demonstration
15 project on a self-sustaining basis.

16 7. Duration. The length of this demonstration
17 project shall be no longer than 3 years.

18 8. Account. The Maine Veterans' Homes shall
19 maintain in a separate account, not commingled with
20 any other sources of revenue, the funds appropriated
21 for or generated by the fulfillment of the purpose of
22 this section.

23 9. Annual report. The Maine Veterans' Homes
24 shall submit annually to the joint standing committee
25 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human
26 resources an audited financial statement and a
27 description of program accomplishments for the
28 previous year and program goals for the succeeding
29 year.

30 10. Unused funds. At the end of the 3-year
31 demonstration period, any unused appropriation or any
32 funds generated by the educational programs authorized
33 by this section shall lapse to the General Fund of the
34 State unless the Legislature authorizes otherwise.

35 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are
36 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
37 purposes of this Act.

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2 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

3 Bureau of Maine's Elderly

4 All Other (\$200,000)

5 Deappropriates funds
6 originally
7 appropriated in Public
8 Law 1987, chapter 830
9 to establish a
10 teaching nursing home
11 project on a
12 demonstration basis
13 with the Maine
14 Veterans' Home Inc.

15 MAINE VETERANS' HOME

16 Demonstration Teaching
17 Nursing Home Project

18 All Other \$200,000

19 These funds shall be
20 used to establish, on
21 a demonstration basis
22 with the Maine
23 Veterans' Home Inc., a
24 project utilizing the
25 concept of a teaching
26 nursing home as a
27 mechanism to increase
28 the number of health
29 care providers with
30 improved capabilities
31 to deliver geriatric
32 care to the State's
33 elderly population.

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

35 The purpose of this bill is to provide a General

1 Fund appropriation to the Maine Veterans' Home for the
2 demonstration teaching nursing home project and to
3 clarify the administration of that project.

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