

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

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H.P. 550

House of Representatives, March 9, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAHAM of Houlton.

Cosponsored by Representative PEDERSON of Bangor and Representative AULT of Wayne.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Level of Care of  
Maine's Elderly Citizens.**

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1                   **Commission created; purpose of commission. Resolved:** That there  
3 is created the Commission to Study the Level of Care of Maine's  
5 Elderly Citizens. The commission shall gather and analyze data  
7 concerning the following aspects of the care of Maine's elderly  
9 citizens since 1978:

11                   A. The level of Medicaid assistance;

13                   B. The level of Medicare assistance;

15                   C. Private insurance coverage held by Maine's elderly and  
17 its cost to them;

19                   D. The level of in-home nursing, homemaker and nutrition  
21 care;

23                   E. Demographic projections of the number of elderly and  
25 their needs through the year 2020; and

27                   F. Minimum levels of care, if any, that the State should  
29 guarantee its elderly and the cost of those levels; and be  
31 it further

33                   **Membership of the commission; appointment. Resolved:** That the  
35 commission shall consist of 13 members appointed as follows:

37                   A. One self-designated representative from each of the  
39 following: the Bureau of Maine's Elderly, the Maine  
41 Committee on Aging, the Maine Health Care Finance  
43 Commission, the Maine Health Care Association, the Bureau of  
45 Insurance; and

47                   B. Eight members of the general public from various  
49 geographic areas of the State, who are at least 60 years  
51 old, to be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate  
and the Speaker of the House; and be it further

**Selection of the chair; convening of the commission. Resolved:**  
That the commission shall elect a chair from among its members at  
the first meeting. The Executive Director of the Legislative  
Council shall convene the first meeting within 30 days of  
appointment of all the members; and be it further

**Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall present its  
findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the First  
Regular Session of the 115th Legislature by January 31, 1991; and  
be it further

**Assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall receive staff  
assistance from the Department of Human Services upon request;  
and be it further

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**Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the commission shall receive reimbursement for expenses; and be it further

**Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve:

**1989-90**

**HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Commission to Study the Level  
of Care of Maine's Elderly  
Citizens**

All Other \$5,600

Provides funds for the meeting, printing and related expenses of the commission. These funds shall carry forward to June 30, 1991.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this resolve is to establish a special commission to gather and analyze data concerning the level of care of Maine's elderly citizens since 1978.

The specific issues concerning Maine's elderly population to be studied are: the level of Medicaid assistance; the level of Medicare assistance; private insurance coverage held by Maine's elderly and its cost to them; the level of in-home nursing, homemaker and nutrition care; demographic projections of the number of elderly and their needs through the year 2020; and minimum levels of care, if any, that the State should guarantee its elderly and the cost of those levels.

The commission shall report to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature in January 1991.