

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

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H.P. 691

House of Representatives, March 28, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PINES of Limestone.

Cosponsored by Representative RIDLEY of Shapleigh and Representative CLARK of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide Needed Services Identified by the Task Force on Incapacitated and Dependent Adults, and Required by the United States Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1988.



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

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

5 1989-90 1990-91

7 **MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION,**
9 **DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **Mental Health Services - Community**

13 All Other \$630,000 \$670,000

15 Provides \$110,000 in fiscal
17 year 1989-90 and \$120,000 in
fiscal year 1990-91 for 3
19 geriatric mental health
resource persons, one in
Aroostook, one in Kennebec
21 and one in Somerset County;
\$140,000 in fiscal year
23 1989-90 and \$150,000 in
fiscal year 1990-91 for
25 mental health assessments for
adults with long-term care
27 needs to comply with
requirements of the United
29 States Omnibus Budget
Reconciliation Act of 1988,
31 Public Law 100-200; and
\$380,000 in fiscal year
33 1989-90 and \$400,000 in
fiscal year 1990-91 for 2
35 6-bed long-term psychiatric
group residences, one in
37 northern Maine and one in
southern Maine to
39 deinstitutionalize 12 Augusta
Mental Health Institute and
41 Bangor Mental Health
Institute patients who could
43 safely live in the community.

45 **DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND**
47 **MENTAL RETARDATION**

TOTAL \$630,000 \$670,000

49 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

51 **Regional Social Services**

53 Personal Services \$85,500 \$93,000

1	All Other	15,900	15,000
	Capital Expenditures	1,800	
3			
5	TOTAL	<u>\$103,200</u>	<u>\$108,000</u>
7	Provides funds for 3		
9	caseworkers, one each for		
	Regions I, IV and V.		
11	Personal Services	\$31,200	\$34,000
	All Other	4,800	4,500
13	Capital Expenditures	600	
15			
17	TOTAL	<u>\$36,600</u>	<u>\$38,500</u>
	Provides funds for a		
	supervisor in Region III.		
19	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
21	TOTAL	<u>\$139,800</u>	<u>\$146,500</u>

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Human Services convened a Task Force on Incapacitated and Dependent Adults to identify issues and make recommendations to improve the system serving this population in Maine.

This bill appropriates funds to provide one adult protective services caseworker in each Region I, IV and V, and a supervisor in Region III.

In the Third Special Session of the 113th Legislature, funds were appropriated for 3 geriatric mental health resource people, with a promise from the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to fund statewide expansion through a Part II budget request. Funds for such an expansion were requested but not recommended for funding. This bill also appropriates funds to place 3 mental health geriatric resource persons in the remaining unserved areas, and assessment and treatment funds to comply with the United States Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1988. That Act requires that, as of January 1, 1989, a nursing home may not admit any individual who has a primary or secondary diagnosis of mental illness, excluding Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, except under certain conditions. An assessment must be conducted upon admission to determine whether active treatment is necessary.

This bill also funds 2 6-bed long-term psychiatric group residences to deinstitutionalize public wards who could safely live outside of Augusta Mental Health Institute and Bangor Mental Health Institute.