

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 997

S.P. 373

In Senate, March 30, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle, Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth and Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Increase and Enhance Access to Home Care.



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

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

7 **1989-90** **1990-91**

9 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **Bureau of Maine's Elderly**

13 Provides funds to reimburse
15 costs, on an advance basis,
17 for long-term care and
19 home-based care clients
21 referred for home care
23 services. The cap on
25 Medicaid waiver clients will
27 be determined on an average
29 rather than a per client
31 basis.

33 **Bureau of Medical Services**

35 All Other **\$600,000** **\$900,000**

37 Provides funds for the state
39 seed share of private duty
41 and personal care service
43 programs, including
45 implementation of an advance
47 payment system for major
49 providers.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TOTAL

\$2,600,000 **\$2,900,000**

41 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

43 In developing home health care, the Legislature has called
45 for the State "to assure that a comprehensive range of health
47 care services is available to Maine citizens" and for the
49 provision of alternatives to hospitalization. Funding for
home-based care has not kept pace with the growth of the
population, particularly of elderly persons, with the compounding
of need due to additions to a consumer population which is

1 receiving effective long-term care, or with the continued
increase in labor costs in an area of professional shortages.

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5 The appropriation provided by this legislation assures that
home care services will be available in a timely manner and as an
effective alternative to institutional care.

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