

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 18, 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

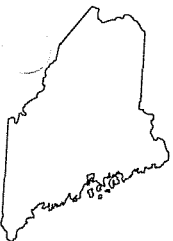
Presented by Representative HICKEY of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Representative CARROLL of Gray and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Increase Access to Long-term Care Services.



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 Social Services**

13 **Long-term Care Services for
the Elderly (Home-based Care)**

15 All Other \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000

17 Provides funds to increase
19 the home-based care programs
21 for the elderly, handicapped
and those under 60 years of
23 age who need long-term care
services.

25 **Bureau of Maine's Elderly**

27 **Adult Day Care Program**

29 All Other \$100,000 \$100,000

31 Provides funds to develop and
33 expand the number of adult
day care programs throughout
the State.

35 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
37 **TOTAL** \$2,100,000 \$2,100,000

39 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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43 Access to long-term care services is extremely limited for
the elderly, the handicapped and individuals under age 60 who are
45 in need. The Department of Human Services estimated that in 1984
there were approximately 31,319 dependent people in need of
47 services which will increase to 34,168 individuals by 1991.
Including all possible programs providing services, the estimated
49 average number of people served in Maine community-based programs
was 10,476 in 1984 and will be 13,781 by 1991. The need far
51 exceeds the resources available.

1 To continue the supported policy of slow growth in nursing
3 home beds and to get individuals with long-term needs out of
5 hospitals and into more appropriate community-based services,
7 these additional resources are needed to bolster the existing
 community-based system to provide greater access to long-term
 care services to individuals of all ages in need of long-term
 care.