

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1598

S.P. 570

In Senate, May 10, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc, Representative ROLDE of York and Representative RIDLEY of Shapleigh.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Make Interim Adjustments and Establish a Prospective Reimbursement System for Boarding Care Facilities Serving Persons with Mental Retardation.



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

3 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7907-A is enacted to read:

5 §7907-A. Prospective reimbursement system for boarding care
7 facilities serving persons with mental retardation

9 The department shall develop, in consultation with provider
11 and consumer groups, a prospective reimbursement system to be
13 implemented July 1, 1990, for boarding care facilities serving
15 persons with mental retardation. This system shall be based upon
17 actual costs incurred by these facilities in providing their
19 services for fiscal year 1989-90.

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

1989-90

19 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

21 Bureau of Medical Services

23 All Other \$500,000

25 Funds to be used in the
27 Division of Residential
29 Services to provide an
31 additional \$2000 in support
33 for each person with mental
35 retardation residing in a
state-licensed and reimbursed
boarding care facility
operated by a nonprofit
agency.

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39 STATEMENT OF FACT

41 Almost 250 persons with mental retardation in Maine reside
43 in state-licensed nonprofit boarding care facilities which have
45 been struggling for several years to keep up with increased costs
47 of providing adequate support and services to these clients. In
the past few years, federal labor standards have made it
increasingly difficult for these facilities to operate under the
current cap.

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This bill provides a one-time supplement for residents of these facilities to allow them to receive the training and support they need and requires the Department of Human Services to establish a prospective payment system starting in fiscal year 1990-91 which will reflect actual costs of service.