

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1633

H.P. 1178

House of Representatives, May 11, 1989

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland, Representative AULT of Wayne and Representative CLARK of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Establish a Recognition Awards Program to Promote Child Care Services.



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

3 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8302-A is enacted to read:

5 §8302-A. Recognition Awards Program

7 Any person, partnership, agency, voluntary association or
9 corporation which operates a day care facility licensed by the
11 department pursuant to rules adopted by the department for day
care homes shall be eligible for a one-time recognition award of
\$500 per day care facility.

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

	1989-90	1990-91
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Social Services		
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
Provides funds to establish a Recognition Awards Program for day care home operators.		

29 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

31 Day care homes are specifically defined types of day care
33 facilities licensed by the Department of Human Services.
35 Operators are required to comply with standards governing
37 staffing ratios, physical examinations and tuberculosis tests for
39 staff, physical plant requirements, medical records, play
41 facilities and meals. These standards are more stringent than
for other types of day care providers and the Recognition Awards
Program established by this bill will provide an incentive to
child care providers to become licensed and to upgrade or
maintain their facilities at the high standards mandated by the
department's licensing rules.