

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1642

S.P. 580

In Senate, May 11, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources 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 GILL of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec and Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Establish an Advisory Committee on Home Health.



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

3 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§42-A is enacted to read:

5	<u>42-A. Human</u>	<u>Advisory Com-</u>	<u>Expenses Only</u>	<u>22 MRSA</u>
7	<u>Services</u>	<u>mittee on Home</u>		<u>§2150</u>
		<u>Health</u>		

9 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2150 is enacted to read:

11 §2150. Advisory Committee on Home Health

13 1. Committee established and charged. In order to promote  
15 the availability and accessibility of home health services, to  
17 monitor the operations of the Bureau of Medical Services in  
19 providing home health services and to advise the Bureau of  
Medical Services on the development and maintenance of effective  
home health services, there is established, in accordance with  
Title 5, chapter 379, the Advisory Committee on Home Health.

21 2. Committee membership. The committee shall consist of  
23 the following 8 members who are to be appointed within 30 days of  
the effective date of this section.

25 A. One Senator to be appointed by the President of the  
27 Senate;

29 B. One member of the House of Representatives to be  
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

31 C. Six members to be appointed by the Commissioner of Human  
33 Services as follows:

35 (1) One member to represent the Maine Committee on  
Aging;

37 (2) One member to represent the Home Care Alliance;

39 (3) Two members to represent home care consumers; and

41 (4) Two members to represent home care provider  
43 agencies.

45 The terms of office of the appointed members shall be 2 years.  
47 Upon expiration of a member's term, the member shall serve until  
49 that member is reappointed or until a successor is appointed. A  
member may be removed for cause, which shall include excessive  
absences from meeting of the advisory committee. The committee  
shall determine what constitutes excessive absence.

1           3. Committee meetings. The advisory committee shall be  
2           convened at the request of the chair or any 2 members of the  
3           committee.

5           4. Committee actions. Five members of the advisory  
6           committee shall constitute a quorum. No action may be taken by  
7           the advisory committee except by a vote of a majority of those  
8           present and voting.

9           5. Committee compensation. Members of the advisory  
11           committee shall serve without compensation in accordance with  
12           Title 5, chapter 379.

13           6. Committee scope. The advisory committee shall have the  
14           power to consult with and advise the Commissioner of Human  
15           Services and the Director of the Bureau of Medical Services on  
16           matters relating to improving home health services in the State.  
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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

23           This bill establishes the Advisory Committee on Home Health  
24           to advise the Bureau of Medical Services on the development and  
25           maintenance of effective home health services in the State. Home  
26           health services represent one of 9 Medicaid services which the  
27           Federal Government requires to be included in the state program.

29           By establishing this advisory committee, this bill creates  
30           an effective process for developing appropriate and timely  
31           actions to assure the effective provision of support for home  
          care.