

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 668

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JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

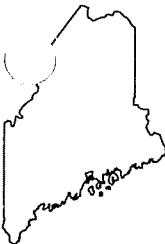
Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Relating to the Compeer Program.

(EMERGENCY)



2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** the costs of services provided to persons with  
mental illness are increasing significantly; and

8 **Whereas,** without adequate funding, it will be extremely  
difficult for certain providers to continue to recruit private  
citizens to serve as supportive friends to persons with mental  
illness; and

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14 **Whereas,** this vital and effective citizen advocacy program  
should be funded now as the Legislature does not meet until  
January 1990; and

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18 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

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

28 **1989-90**

30 **MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION,**  
32 **DEPARTMENT OF**

34 **Mental Health Services - Community**

All Other \$20,000

36 Provides funds for Compeer, Inc. for the  
38 recruitment of private citizens to serve as  
supportive friends to persons with mental  
40 illness through the continuation of the  
Compeer program grant.

42 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
44 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

46 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

48 This bill provides funds to continue and expand a grant to  
50 Compeer, Inc., which provides support services for the mentally  
ill.