

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

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H.P. 1647

House of Representatives, February 5, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ed Pert'.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc and Representative CHONKO of Topsham.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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**Resolve, to Create a Pilot Project for a Substance Abuse Halfway House for Pregnant Women and Mothers with Young Children.**

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2           **Sec. 1. Pilot substance abuse halfway house. Resolved:** That the  
Department of Human Services, Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse  
4           Prevention develop a pilot substance abuse halfway house for  
pregnant women and mothers with young children. The goal of the  
6           halfway house is to facilitate the transition of mothers and  
pregnant women from dependence on drugs and alcohol to healthy  
8           self-sufficient states in which they can support and care for  
themselves and their children; and be it further

10           **Sec. 2. Project elements. Resolved:** That the services offered  
by the pilot halfway house include stabilization of the chemical  
12           dependency of mothers and pregnant women, therapeutic day care  
for the children of the women participating in the program and  
14           coordination of the vocational and educational development of the  
women. The project must be conducted by an organization selected  
16           by the Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention through a  
request-for-proposal system. Criteria for selection must include  
18           maximum use of other existing programs in the service region; and  
be it further

20           **Sec. 3. Evaluation and report. Resolved:** That the pilot project  
be conducted for 3 years from the effective date of this  
22           resolve. The Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention  
shall ensure that an evaluation is conducted that assesses the  
24           achievement of the project goal specified in this resolve. The  
office shall present the outcome of the evaluation and its  
26           recommendations in a report to the joint standing committee of  
the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholism and drug  
28           abuse matters by December 15, 1993; and be it further

30           **Sec. 4. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
32           appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
this resolve.

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38           **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention**

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All Other	\$175,000
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44           Provides funds for the first	
46           year of a 3-year pilot	
project for contracted	
services, including \$50,000	
for start-up costs.	

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50           **STATEMENT OF FACT**

52           This resolve creates a demonstration halfway house for  
pregnant women and mothers of young children who have substance

2 abuse problems. Women would engage in substance abuse treatment  
and vocational and educational development toward the goal of a  
4 healthy, self-supporting life. Vocational and educational  
services would be offered in cooperation with existing programs,  
6 such as the Additional Support for People in Retraining and  
Education Program and the Displaced Homemaker Program.  
8 Therapeutic preschool opportunities would be offered to the  
children of participants through programs such as Head Start.