

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 259

H.P. 174

House of Representatives, February 1, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs 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 Representative CHONKO of Topsham, Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough and Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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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  
Executive Department, Office of Substance Abuse develop a pilot  
4 substance abuse halfway house for pregnant women and mothers with  
young children. The goal of the halfway house is to facilitate  
6 the transition of mothers and pregnant women from dependence on  
drugs and alcohol to healthy self-sufficient states in which they  
8 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 Substance Abuse through a request-for-proposal  
process. Criteria for selection must include maximum use of  
18 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 Substance Abuse shall ensure that an  
evaluation is conducted that assesses the achievement of the  
24 project goal specified in this resolve. The office shall present  
the outcome of the evaluation and its recommendations in a report  
26 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
jurisdiction over alcoholism and drug abuse matters by December  
28 15, 1994; and be it further

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

1991-92            1992-93

34           **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

36           **Office of Substance Abuse**

38           All Other                                           \$175,000           \$275,000

40           Provides funds for the first  
42 2 years of a 3-year pilot  
project for contracted  
44 services, including \$50,000  
for start-up costs in fiscal  
46 year 1991-92.

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

4 This resolve creates a demonstration halfway house for  
6 pregnant women and mothers of young children who have substance  
8 abuse problems. The women would engage in substance abuse  
10 treatment and vocational and educational development toward the  
12 goal of a healthy, self-supporting life. Vocational and  
14 educational services would be offered in cooperation with  
existing programs, such as the Additional Support for People in  
Retraining and Education Program and the Displaced Homemaker  
Program. Therapeutic preschool opportunities would be offered to  
the children of participants through programs such as Head Start.