

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

Legislative Document

No. 1275

H.P. 884

House of Representatives, March 25, 1991

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 NORTON of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, President PRAY of Penobscot and Representative HOGLUND of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Provide for Continued Assistance and Support for Incest
Victims and Survivors.**

(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, funding for the nonprofit public service agency
"Looking Up" is based on a July 1st to June 30th service year
8 with an ongoing dramatic increase in need for those services,
resulting in severe limitation of the "Looking Up" program for
10 incest victims and survivors unless this Act takes effect on July
1, 1991; and

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

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

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

22		1990-91	1991-92
24	MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL		
26	RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
28	Bureau of Mental Health		

30	All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
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32 Provides funds for assistance
and support for incest
34 victims and survivors through
"Looking Up," an organization
36 whose functions include, but
are not limited to, crisis
38 intervention, peer support,
wilderness program
40 activities, creative
expression workshops,
42 therapeutic conferences,
training programs, financial
44 assistance and community
action involvement projects.

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48 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill provides essential funding for a statewide agency
that has served more than 10,000 incest victims.

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