

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 520

In Senate, April 1, 1991

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

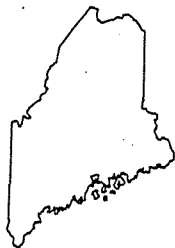
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Representative OLIVER of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Appropriate Funds for Support Services for Persons Who Are Homeless.



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

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

1991-92

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Purchased Social Services

All Other \$150,000

Provides funds to contract for support services for persons who are homeless in greater Portland.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TOTAL**

\$150,000

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

All Other \$150,000

Provides funds to contract for support services for persons who are homeless in greater Portland.

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
MENTAL RETARDATION
TOTAL**

\$150,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$300,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides funds to enable the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to contract with community-based social service agencies for support services for persons who are homeless. Frequently, permanent housing is found in the greater Portland region for persons who are homeless; however, many times these persons lose their housing due to problems related to substance abuse and mental illness. This bill provides funds to purchase appropriate support services in order to break the cycle of homelessness.