

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 2152

H.P. 1523

House of Representatives, January 14, 1992

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

Cosponsored by Representative SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth, Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Fund the Crisis and Counseling Center's Residential Care Unit.

(EMERGENCY)



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

4 Whereas, the Crisis and Counseling Center's residential care
6 unit in Skowhegan was created in response to a consent decree
that requires mobile teams and residential placements in the
8 community; and

10 Whereas, the residential care unit enables clients to remain
close to their homes and their natural support systems; and

12 Whereas, unless sufficient funds are provided, the
14 residential care unit will close and these residential services
will terminate; and

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

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

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

28 **1991-92**

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

34 **Mental Health Services - Community**

36 All Other \$69,000

38 Provides funds for the Crisis and Counseling
Center's residential care unit in Skowhegan.

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

44 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46 This bill provides a General Fund appropriation to the
48 Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for the Crisis
and Counseling Center's residential care unit in Skowhegan.
50 These funds are necessary for the program to operate from January
1, 1992 to June 30, 1992.