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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 Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Representative MAHANY of Easton, Senator COLLINS of Aroostook and Representative CARROLL of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Restore Home Health and Community Care Funding.



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

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4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2149, sub-§2, ¶¶C and D,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 829, §1, are amended to read:

6 C. Recognize the provider's reasonable costs of recruiting, training and retaining qualified staff, including registered
8 nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nurse aides, home health aides and allied personnel; and

10 D. Implement this subsection in such a manner which that does not result in a decrease in numbers of clients or units
12 of service. The monthly limits on costs per individual receiving in-home services as an alternative to
14 institutional care shall must be at least \$1,878 for skilled level care and \$1,361 for intermediate level care; and

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18 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2149, sub-§2, ¶E** is enacted to read:

20 E. Beginning in fiscal year 1992-93, establish a reimbursement rate of no less than \$14 per hour for home
22 health aide and certified nurse aide services under a home-based and community-based Medicaid waiver program and
24 make available within each region funds sufficient to reflect the increase in the rate without reducing current
26 levels of services.

28 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §7309** is enacted to read:

30 **§7309. Reimbursement for certain long-term health care services**

32 Beginning in fiscal year 1992-93, the department shall establish a reimbursement rate of no less than \$14 per hour for
34 home health aide and certified nurse aide services under a private duty nursing and personal care services program pursuant
36 to rule of the department and shall make available within each region funds sufficient to reflect the increase in the rate
38 without reducing current levels of services.

40 **Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §7324** is enacted to read:

42 **§7324. Reimbursement for service providers**

44 Beginning in fiscal year 1992-93, the department shall establish a reimbursement rate of no less than \$14 per hour for
46 home health aide and certified nurse aide services provided under this chapter and make available within each region funds
48 sufficient to reflect the increase in the rate without reducing current levels of services.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 Over the last years funding for the home health care
6 programs has not kept pace with costs. Under the Medicaid waiver
and home-based care programs, the current rate of reimbursement
for certified nurse aides and home health aides is \$11.70 per
hour.

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10 This bill increases the current rate of reimbursement for
home health aide and certified nurse aide services to \$14 per
hour for the private duty nursing and personal care services
12 program, the Medicaid waiver program and the home-based care
program.