

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LUTHER of Mexico.

Cosponsored by Representative ERWIN of Rumford, Senator MILLS of Oxford and  
Representative LORD of Waterboro.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act Authorizing the Risk Management Division to Provide Insurance  
to Certain Group Homes for Children and for Persons with Mental  
Retardation.**

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1728-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 376,  
5 §21, is further amended by amending the first paragraph to read:

6 **1. Duties.** The director shall provide insurance advice and  
7 services for the State Government and any department or agency  
8 thereof for all forms of insurance, except for those departments  
9 or agencies and those types of insurance otherwise provided for  
10 by law. The director shall provide insurance advice and services  
11 for family foster homes, as defined in Title 22, section 8101,  
12 subsection 3; respite care providers, as defined in Title 34-B,  
13 section 6201, subsection 2-A; group homes for children,  
14 established under Title 34-B, chapter 6; group homes for persons  
15 with mental retardation, established under Title 34-B, chapter 5;  
16 the Casco Bay Island Transit District created by Private and  
17 Special Law 1981, chapter 22; and commercial applicators and  
18 spray contracting firms that are required to provide proof of  
19 financial responsibility in custom application pursuant to Title  
20 22, section 1471-D, subsection 4, and private applicators as  
21 defined in Title 22, section 1471-C, subsection 22, who may be  
22 required to provide proof of insurance. The director is  
23 responsible for the acquisition and administration of all  
24 insurance purchased by the State, including the authority to  
25 purchase, on a competitive bid basis, insurance for the State for  
26 automobile, fire, liability and any other type of coverage  
27 necessary to protect the State from financial loss. The director  
28 may enter into contracts for various types of claims management  
29 services in order to ensure the most economically advantageous  
30 insurance protection in the operation of the State's insurance  
31 coverage program. In these regards, the director has the  
32 following duties:

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35 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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37 This bill authorizes the Director of the Risk Management  
38 Division to offer insurance services to group homes for children  
39 and to group homes for persons with mental retardation.  
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