

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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Legislative Document

No. 265

H.P. 203

House of Representatives, February 2, 1993

**An Act to Restore the Availability of Prescription Drugs to Persons With  
HIV or AIDS.**

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CATHCART of Orono.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHONKO of Topsham, MITCHELL of Freeport,  
MORRISON of Bangor, PFEIFFER of Brunswick, RAND of Portland, RYDELL of Brunswick,  
TREAT of Gardiner, Senator: HANDY of Androscoggin.

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

5       Whereas, many medications are available to treat a  
6 significant number of potentially life-threatening conditions  
7 that result from HIV infection; and

8       Whereas, the number of people with AIDS participating in the  
9 drug reimbursement program within the Department of Human  
10 Services has increased significantly; and

11       Whereas, funds are required prior to June 30, 1993; and

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

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

18       **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
19 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

20		21                   1992-93	22                   1993-94
23	<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
24	<b>Purchased Social Services</b>		
25	All Other	\$60,000	\$75,000
26	Provides funds to support the		
27	drug reimbursement program		
28	for persons diagnosed with		
29	HIV or AIDS.		

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

#### 32                                       **STATEMENT OF FACT**

33       This bill provides funds to supplement the drug  
34 reimbursement program serving persons diagnosed with HIV or AIDS.  
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