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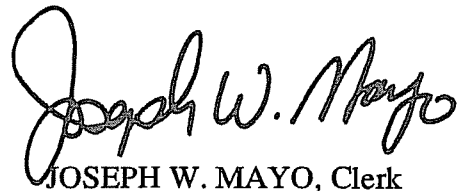
No. 446

H.P. 343

House of Representatives, February 11, 1993

An Act to Consolidate the Delivery of Human Services.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PFEIFFER of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro, Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Hallowell, NORTON of Winthrop, SIMONDS of Cape
Elizabeth.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §6-A, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 781,
Pt. D, §1 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

6 To the greatest extent practicable, the commissioner shall
8 coordinate regional service delivery with the Commissioner of
10 Mental Health and Mental Retardation to maximize the efficiency
12 and effectiveness of services. The commissioner shall ensure
14 that, within each region, each municipality of 5,000 or more
16 residents has a single location where the public can receive
18 information and apply for all programs administered by the
department. The single location may be a regional or subregional
office of the department or it may be the office of a private
agency that contracts with the department. Selection of the
single location must be coordinated with the Commissioner of
Mental Health and Mental Retardation to ensure that both
departments use the same location.

20 Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §1201-A, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1991, c.
22 781, Pt. D, §2 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

24 To the greatest extent practicable, the commissioner shall
26 coordinate regional service delivery with the Commissioner of
28 Human Services to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of
30 services. The commissioner shall ensure that, within each
32 region, each municipality of 5,000 or more residents has a single
34 location where the public can receive information and apply for
all programs administered by the department. The single location
may be a regional or subregional office of the department or it
may be the office of a private agency that contracts with the
department. Selection of the single location must be coordinated
with the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure that both
departments use the same location.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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40 This bill requires that the Department of Human Services and
42 the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation provide a
44 single office in each municipality of 5,000 or more residents to
provide information and allow people to apply for services. The
single office may be a state regional or subregional office or it
may be the office of a private agency that contracts with the
State.