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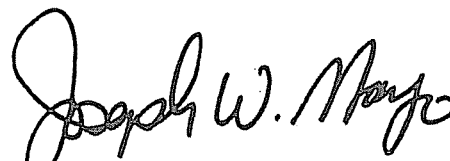
H.P. 577

House of Representatives, March 4, 1993

An Act to Introduce Greater Efficiency in the Provision of Certain State Services.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

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, certain information about determining eligibility
6 for state-funded services is critical to the review of the
7 1994-95 biennial budget requests; and

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

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

14 **Sec. 1. Analysis of programs.** Each department and agency of
15 State Government shall analyze all programs within that
16 department or agency that provide a direct service to the public,
17 other than the dissemination of routine public information, but
18 do not charge a fee or copay for the service or use an income
19 test in determining eligibility for the service.

20 **Sec. 2. Report.** Each department or agency of State Government
21 is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on
22 Appropriations and Financial Affairs listing the services
23 provided to the public at no cost or without a means test, the
24 expenditures made to support those services, the number of
25 participants receiving those services and the reasons a
26 fee-for-service, copay or income test is not applied.

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

32 STATEMENT OF FACT

33 This bill requires every department and agency to analyze
34 each program that provides a direct service to the public but for
35 which a fee or copay is not charged or for which an income test
36 is not used to determine eligibility. The public service of
37 disseminating routine public information is exempt from the
38 required analysis.

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40 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and
41 Financial Affairs listing the services provided to the public at
42 no cost or without a means test, the expenditures made to support
43 those services, the number of participants receiving those
44 services and the reasons a fee-for-service, copay or income test
45 is not applied.