

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 576

In Senate, January 5, 1994

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**An Act to Reinstate the State Eye Care Program.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUTHER of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator: PEARSON of Penobscot, Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3500-A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt.  
I, §11, is further amended to read:

6 **§3500-A. Jurisdiction of Director of Division for the Blind  
and Visually Impaired, defined**

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10 Jurisdiction of director means having direct administrative  
12 responsibility for all programs and personnel under the Division  
except section 3501-B.

14 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3501-B is enacted to read:

16 **§3501-B. Medical eye care program**

18 The department shall provide medical eye services, including  
20 corrective glasses, to individuals who have an annual income not  
22 exceeding 80% of the State's median income adjusted for family  
size and who have:

24 1. Eye disorder. A significant eye disorder that, if  
untreated, may progress to blindness; or

26 2. Visual acuity of 20/70 or worse. A visual acuity after  
28 correction of 20/70 or worse in the better eye.

30 The department shall, after hearing, in a manner consistent  
32 with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, adopt rules  
governing eligibility, application procedures, services covered  
and reimbursement procedures.

34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This bill reinstates the medical eye care program.  
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44 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the  
need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical  
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.