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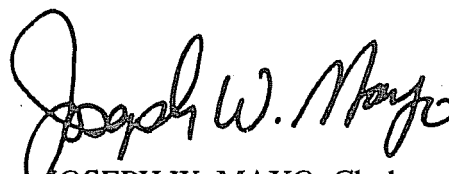
No. 1725

H.P. 1277

House of Representatives, January 13, 1994

**An Act to Ensure Accountability in Community Services for People with
Mental Retardation.**

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.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TREAT of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAM of Lewiston, CARROLL of Gray, PARADIS of
Augusta, PENDLETON of Scarborough, TOWNSEND of Portland, TOWNSEND of Eastport,
Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3187-A is enacted to read:

§3187-A. Principles of reimbursement for community services for people with mental retardation

The department shall establish principles of reimbursement for community services for persons with mental retardation that provide for prospective reimbursement. The principles of reimbursement must recognize the need for compensation of employees providing services directly to clients that facilitates the recruitment and retention of qualified staff. To the extent feasible, the principles of reimbursement must provide for treatment of compensation for direct service employees that is similar to that for employees in intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to establish principles of prospective reimbursement for community services for persons with mental retardation that recognize the need for recruitment and retention of qualified staff and that are similar to the principles of reimbursement for intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation.

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.