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S.P. 781

In Senate, April 11, 1994

An Act to Continue the Maine Health Program.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, TITCOMB of Cumberland, Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, GEAN of Alfred, GWADOSKY of Fairfield, RYDELL of Brunswick, TARDY of Palmyra, TREAT of Gardiner.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §396-G, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410,
4 Pt. FFF, §4, is amended to read:

6 **6. Differentials; Maine Health Program.** The commission
7 shall provide that the differential determined pursuant to this
8 section for the Maine Health Program for charges incurred by the
9 program is equal to 60% 100%.

10 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3189, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410,
12 Pt. FFF, §5, is further amended to read:

14 **1. Program created; intent.** The Maine Health Program is
15 created to expand access of Maine citizens to basic health care
16 services. The Maine Health Program is intended to meet, to the
17 extent of available funds, the health care needs of uninsured
18 Maine residents with the highest priority being those needs of
19 residents who are financially needy and under the age of 18.
20 After April 1, 1994 1995, the Maine Health Program is a privately
21 administered and funded program that may be governed by state law
22 but there is no right or claim of entitlement to health care
23 benefits under state law created by operation of the program.

24 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3189, sub-§8-C**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
26 410, Pt. FFF, §9, is amended to read:

28 **8-C. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the
29 Legislature that the appropriation for the Maine Health Program
30 end on April 1, 1994 1995.

32 **Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3189-A, sub-§2, ¶¶C and E**, as enacted by PL
34 1993, c. 410, Pt. FFF, §14, are amended to read:

36 **C.** The advisory board shall solicit proposals from private
37 entities to administer the Maine Health Program after March
38 31, 1994 1995. The advisory board shall plan for the
39 transition of program management from the Department of
40 Human Services to a private contractor between August 1,
41 1993 1994 and March 31, 1994 1995. The advisory board has
42 full authority to effect the transition to the private
43 entity, which shall commence administration of the Maine
44 Health Program on April 1, 1994 1995.

46 **E.** The advisory board shall draft any legislation it
47 determines necessary to govern the Maine Health Program as
48 it will operate after April 1, 1994 1995 and present it for
49 consideration by the Legislature as soon as practical after
50 ~~August 1, 1993~~.

FISCAL NOTE

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1994-95

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund	\$1,395,940
Other Funds	2,372,797

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10 REVENUES

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Other Funds	\$2,372,797
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This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1,395,940 and a Federal Expenditure Fund allocation of \$2,372,797 in fiscal year 1994-95 for the Department of Human Services to fund the adult portion of the Maine Health Program from July 1, 1994 to March 31, 1995.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Current law provides that, after April 1, 1994, the Maine Health Program is a privately administered and funded program. This bill extends that date by one year.

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This bill also changes the differential for charges incurred from 60% to 100%.

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This bill also extends for one year the Advisory Board to Privatize the Maine Health Program established to study alternatives to the Maine Health Program and the deadline for reporting to the Legislature is also extended. This bill makes these changes retroactive to April 1, 1994.

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This bill also appropriates funds to continue the Maine Health Program for fiscal year 1994-95.