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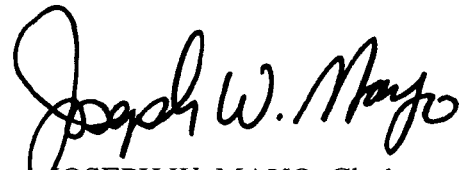
H.P. 1196

House of Representatives, January 8, 1996

An Act to Establish the Freeport Towne Square Mental Retardation Facility.

Submitted by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HARTNETT of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1001, sub-§8, ¶¶E and F, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 459, §7, are amended to read:

- E. The Aroostook Residential Center; ~~or~~
- F. The ~~Military-and-Naval~~ Bath Children's Home; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §1001, sub-§8, ¶G is enacted to read:

- G. Freeport Towne Square.

Sec. 3. 34-B MRSA §1204, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 1995, c. 395, Pt. G, §11 and affected by §20, is further amended to read:

- C. The commissioner shall appoint the following officials to serve at the commissioner's pleasure:
 - (1) Associate Commissioners;
 - (3) Superintendent, Augusta Mental Health Institute;
 - (4) Superintendent, Bangor Mental Health Institute;
 - (7) Director, Bureau of Children with Special Needs;
 - (8) Director, Mental Retardation Facility;
 - (9) Director, Elizabeth Levinson Center;
 - (10) Assistant to the Commissioner for Public Information;
 - (11) Assistant to the Commissioner;
 - (12) Director, Bath Children's Home; ~~and~~
 - (13) Director, Division of Mental Retardation; ~~and~~
 - (14) Director, Freeport Towne Square.

Sec. 4. 34-B MRSA §5401, as amended by PL 1995, c. 395, Pt. G, §14 and affected §20, is further amended to read:

§5401. Maintenance of facilities

2 The department shall maintain the following residential
3 facility facilities for the care and treatment of mentally
4 retarded persons:

5 2. Aroostook Residential Center; and

6 4. Freeport Towne Square.

7 **Sec. 5. 34-B MRSA §5405** is enacted to read:

8 **§5405. Freeport Towne Square**

9 **1. Establishment.** Freeport Towne Square is established in
10 the Town of Freeport as a facility to care for persons with
11 mental retardation.

12 **2. Director.** The administrative head of Freeport Towne
13 Square is the director. The director reports directly to the
14 commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

15 **3. Duties of the director.** The director:

16 **A. Is responsible for the training, education, treatment**
17 **and care of all persons received into or receiving services**
18 **from Freeport Towne Square;**

19 **B. Is responsible for the discharge of all persons received**
20 **into Freeport Towne Square; and**

21 **C. Has direct supervision, management and control of the**
22 **grounds, buildings, property, officers and employees of**
23 **Freeport Towne Square, subject to the approval of the**
24 **commissioner.**

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38 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

39 This bill establishes Freeport Towne Square, a facility for
40 persons with mental retardation, as a separate and distinct
41 entity. Historically, this facility was incorporated as part of
42 the Pineland Center. With the closure of the Pineland Center and
43 the continuation of Freeport Towne Square, this bill statutorily
44 establishes Freeport Towne Square as a separate and distinct
facility.