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H.P. 1466

House of Representatives, January 15, 1998

An Act to Enhance Home-based Services for Maine's Elderly.

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BROOKS of Winterport, KANE of Saco, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, O'NEIL of Saco, PIEH of Bremen, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator:
MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted	
	as emergencies; and	
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	Whereas, there now exists a waiting list of 400 elderly and	
6	disabled individuals for in-home and community support services	
	programs; and	
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	Whereas, these individuals are at risk for inappropriate	
10	placement in institutional long-term care settings because they	
10	lack in-home services; and	
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	Whereas, additional funding is critical for the provision of	
14	services that will allow them to remain in their homes and avoid	
	institutional placement; and	
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	Whereas, emergency legislation is required to provide such	
18	funding; and	
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20	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts	
20	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of	
22	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately	
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2.4	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and	
24	safety; now, therefore,	
26	Do it amounted by the Double of the Ctate of Maine on Cillians	
20	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
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28	Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated	
	from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.	
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	1998-99	
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	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
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	Elder and Adult Services - Bureau of	
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	All Other \$3,000,000	
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50	Provides funds to aliminate the soliting list	
40	Provides funds to eliminate the waiting list	
40	for individuals needing in-home and	
	community-based long-term care services.	
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	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the	
44	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.	

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SUMMARY

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This bill appropriates \$3,000,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 1998-99 to the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services for the purpose of eliminating a waiting list of elderly and disabled individuals now requiring home-based care services through in-home and community support services and homemaker programs. These services will allow these individuals to remain in their homes and avoid or delay the need for inappropriate and expensive institutional services.