

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 95

H.P. 82

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**Resolve, Directing a Study of the Needs of the Elderly Population with  
Mental Retardation.**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BROOKS of Winterport.  
Cosponsored by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, COLWELL of Gardiner, HATCH of Skowhegan,  
KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, Senators: MITCHELL  
of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox.

2           **Sec. 1. Study of the needs of the elderly population with mental**  
3           **retardation. Resolved:** That the Department of Mental Health,  
4           Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, in consultation  
5           with the Department of Human Services, study the needs of the  
6           elderly population with mental retardation. The study must  
7           include an examination of the demographic characteristics of the  
8           elderly and middle-aged population with mental retardation,  
9           including residence; services needed, provided and reasonably  
10          anticipated; numbers of persons on waiting lists awaiting  
11          services; numbers of persons receiving services in nonresidential  
12          community settings; and numbers of persons with mental  
13          retardation living in nursing facilities and residential care  
14          facilities or on waiting lists for residence in those facilities;  
15          and be it further

16           **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Mental  
17          Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall  
18          report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human  
19          Services by January 1, 2000 on the findings of its study; a  
20          calculation of how to meet the unmet needs of the middle-aged and  
21          elderly population with mental retardation, including anticipated  
22          costs; legislation recommended by the departments; and a plan for  
23          coordinated planning between the Department of Mental Health,  
24          Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the  
25          Department of Human Services.

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## SUMMARY

30           This resolve directs the Department of Mental Health, Mental  
31          Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to undertake a study of  
32          the needs of the elderly population with mental retardation and  
33          to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human  
34          Services by January 1, 2000.