

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 196

House of Representatives, January 23, 2001

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### **An Act to Fund Community Health Access Programs.**

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Reported by Representative O'NEIL for the Joint Select Committee to Study the Creation of a Public/ Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for all Maine Citizens pursuant to Joint Order 1999, H.P. 1857.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 218.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

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

4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3192 is enacted to read:

6 **§3192. Affordable Health Care Fund**

8 The Affordable Health Care Fund is established to assist  
10 individuals with the costs of participation in community health  
12 access programs. The fund is a nonlapsing fund and any excess  
14 funds may be used only for the purposes of this section. The  
16 fund may be used only to subsidize the costs of community health  
access programs' fees. The department shall establish subsidies  
on a sliding scale based on income for eligible individuals  
enrolled in community health access programs. Individuals  
eligible for health coverage under the Medicaid or Medicare  
program are not eligible to receive a subsidy from this fund.

18 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
20 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

22 **2001-02**

24 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

26 **Affordable Health Care Fund** \$1,500,000

28 All Other

30 Provides funds to establish the Affordable  
32 Health Care Fund to provide subsidies for  
34 individuals enrolled in community health  
access programs.

36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill establishes the Affordable Health Care Fund to  
40 provide subsidies for individuals enrolled in community health  
access programs. The bill appropriates \$1.5 million to the  
42 Affordable Health Care Fund.