

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1437

S.P. 435

In Senate, March 5, 2001

An Act to Provide Legal Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland and
Senators: EDMONDS of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: COLWELL of
Gardiner, SAVAGE of Buxton.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

6 **2001-02 2002-03**

8 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

10 **Courts - Supreme, Superior,
District and Administrative**

12 All Other \$200,000 \$200,000

14 Funds to be used to provide
16 attorneys for indigent
18 victims of domestic violence
to bring civil action against
20 their abusers, including, but
not limited to, divorce,
22 custody and protection from
abuse actions.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill provides funds to be used by the court system to
28 provide legal assistance to victims of domestic violence in
bringing civil actions against their abusers.