

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2005

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Legislative Document

No. 410

S.P. 134

In Senate, January 25, 2005

### An Act To Provide Funding for Hospices in Maine

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland and  
Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, HOBBS of York, MAYO of Sagadahoc, MITCHELL  
of Kennebec, STRIMLING of Cumberland, TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives:  
CURLEY of Scarborough, GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation appropriates funds to build new hospices and establish hospice services in 3 areas of the State; and

**Whereas**, under this legislation, grantees must have plans in place by June 1, 2005 to qualify for the grants; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Purchased Social Services 0228**

Initiative: Appropriates funds for grants to build new hospices and to establish new hospice services. These funds must be awarded through a competitive bidding process, the funds being awarded equally among the following 3 areas of the State: Lewiston and Auburn; Augusta; and Scarborough and South Portland. Grantees must have plans submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services by June 1, 2005 to qualify for these grants.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

## SUMMARY

This bill appropriates funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to build new hospices and to establish new hospice services. These funds must be awarded

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