

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2007

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1044**

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H.P. 762

House of Representatives, March 6, 2007

### **An Act To Address Eating Disorders in Maine**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Eating disorders initiative.** The Department of Health and Human  
3 Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall begin an eating  
4 disorders initiative to provide education and assistance to residents of the State suffering  
5 from eating disorders. The initiative must be designed to reduce the prevalence and long-  
6 term emotional and medical consequences of eating disorders and increase the cost-  
7 effectiveness of appropriate treatment, public awareness and coordination of treatment  
8 resources. The department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and  
9 Human Services by May 1, 2008 on the implementation of the eating disorders initiative.

10 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
11 allocations are made.

12 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

13 **Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

14 Initiative: Appropriates funds for an ongoing eating disorder initiative including \$50,000  
15 that must be used for learning collaborative costs, \$28,000 for 2 Americorps volunteers  
16 and \$60,000 to contract a health planner to coordinate the initiative.

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18 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
19 All Other	\$138,000	\$138,000
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21 <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$138,000</b>	<b>\$138,000</b>

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services, through the Maine  
24 Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to create an initiative to provide education  
25 and assistance to residents suffering from eating disorders and submit a report to the Joint  
26 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by May 1, 2008. This bill also  
27 provides funding of \$138,000 per year for an eating disorder initiative to provide  
28 education and assistance to Maine residents suffering from eating disorders.