

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1019

House of Representatives, December 23, 2015

### An Act To Support Maine People in Recovery

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 2015. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MAKER of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and  
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BLACK of Wilton, FECTEAU of Biddeford,  
HARRINGTON of Sanford, KINNEY of Knox, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, TUELL of East  
Machias, WHITE of Washburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Department to create 3 new peer centers.** The Department of Health  
3 and Human Services shall create 3 new peer centers in different parts of the State to  
4 coordinate and run peer support programs to help persons in recovery from drug  
5 addiction. In order to serve populations in rural parts of the State, 2 of these peer centers  
6 must be located in currently underserved areas that are outside of Maine's largest cities.  
7 Funding for each peer center must be used to support the hiring of a coordinator who  
8 shall support recovery group facilitation, peer mentoring and peer recovery resource  
9 connections. The peer centers may be coordinated and housed within existing health care  
10 settings, such as a rural health care center.

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

13 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

14 **Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 0679**

15 Initiative: Provides funding to create 3 new peer centers in different parts of the State to  
16 coordinate and run peer support programs to help persons in recovery from drug  
17 addiction.

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19	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
20	All Other	\$0	\$600,000
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22	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$600,000

23 **SUMMARY**

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