

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 719

In Senate, February 23, 2022

**An Act To Fund and Support the Veterans Homes in Caribou and
Machias and Require Legislative Approval for the Establishment
and Closure of Veterans Homes**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §606-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§606-A. Establishment or closure of Maine Veterans' Homes facility**

4 If the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes proposes the establishment or
5 closure of a facility managed by the board, the board shall submit its proposal and suggested
6 legislation implementing the proposal to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
7 having jurisdiction over matters related to veterans, which may report out a bill based on
8 the proposal. The board may not establish or close a facility managed by the board without
9 specific legislative approval.

10 **Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to amend rules; Maine**
11 **Veterans' Homes.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules
12 to allocate an emergency payment of \$75,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and fiscal year 2022-
13 23 to the Maine Veterans' Homes facilities located in Caribou and Machias. Rules adopted
14 pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,
15 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

16 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
17 allocations are made.

18 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
19 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

20 Initiative: Provides one-time appropriations and allocations to the Department of Health
21 and Human Services to provide emergency payments to the Maine Veterans' Homes facility
22 located in Machias.

23 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
24 All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
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26 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

28 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
29 All Other	\$132,010	\$132,010
30		
31 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$132,010</u>	<u>\$132,010</u>

32 **Nursing Facilities 0148**
33 Initiative: Provides one-time appropriations and allocations to the Department of Health
34 and Human Services to provide emergency payments to the Maine Veterans' Homes facility
35 located in Caribou.

36 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
37 All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
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39 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

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1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
2	All Other	\$132,010	\$132,010
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4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$132,010</u>	<u>\$132,010</u>
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6	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
7	DEPARTMENT OF		
8	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
9			
10	GENERAL FUND	\$150,000	\$150,000
11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$264,020	\$264,020
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13	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$414,020</u>	<u>\$414,020</u>

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SUMMARY

15 The bill requires the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes to obtain
16 legislative approval for the establishment or closure of a facility managed by the board.
17 The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules to
18 allocate emergency payments made in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 to the veterans
19 homes located in Caribou and Machias. The bill provides for one-time appropriations and
20 allocations for the emergency payments.