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All Other	300
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Total	\$3,500

This appropriation, in addition to \$3,700 already appropriated is to be used to fund a part-time bee inspector.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 717

S. P. 724 — L. D. 1873

AN ACT to Develop Elderly Congregate Housing in Maine.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 1457-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 1457-A

CONGREGATE HOUSING FOR MAINE'S ELDERLY

§ 5151. Policy

It is declared to be the policy of the State to make resources available to ensure maximum independence and dignity in a home environment for older people capable of self care with appropriate supportive services. It is the purpose of this chapter to develop a system to create and implement a funding mechanism for the supportive services component of congregate housing that provides a housing alternative to older people.

Such housing is greatly needed by those older people who experience difficulty in maintaining themselves in their own homes and apartments yet do not require or desire the level of support provided by care facilities. Congregate housing makes available, as needed, meals, housekeeping and personal services, transportation and other services which provide assistance with the activities of daily living.

The project is intended to demonstrate the cost effectiveness of congregate housing when compared to nursing and boarding home care.

§ 5152. Definition of congregate housing

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, "congregate

housing" means a noninstitutional residential shared living environment which integrates shelter and service needs for the functionally impaired or socially isolated elderly who do not require the constant supervision or intensive health care of an institution. The shared living environment includes community space and dining facilities.

§ 5153. Administration of support services

The Bureau of Maine's Elderly, with the advice of the Maine Committee on Aging, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Farmers Home Administration, shall administer the support services component of 2 demonstration congregate housing projects in Maine, one urban and one rural. Administration shall include:

1. Certification. Certification of 2 appropriate congregate housing projects that will receive support services funding under this section;
2. Adoption of regulations. Adoption of regulations by the Bureau of Maine's Elderly, with the advice of the area agencies on aging, the Maine Committee on Aging, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Farmers Home Administration, for the administration of the support services in the projects, including, without limitation, the method for selection of support service providers and standards for eligibility;
3. Awarding of grants. Awarding of grants during fiscal year 1981-82 to support social services in eligible private or nonprofit projects; and
4. Payment mechanism. Developing an appropriate payment mechanism which may include a provision to require residents to pay up to 50% of the cost of social services they receive. Allocation for social services under this Part shall not exceed \$80 a month for an individual tenant or \$120 a month for each couple residing in the project.

Sec. 2. Legislative review. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services shall review the payment structure proposed by the Bureau of Maine's Elderly during the 110th Legislature. The committee shall make recommendations as it deems necessary to continue funding for congregate housing where housing shelter costs are funded by federal housing subsidy programs and the residents contribute 50% of the cost of support services.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. If the State Budget Officer determines that sufficient funds are remaining in the State Energy Assistance Program as of September 1, 1980, to fund this chapter at \$87,360 or half of that amount after all payments have been made under that program, those funds shall be appropriated to fund the Congregate Housing Project, Bureau of Maine's Elderly, Department of Human Services.