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PUBLIC LAWS
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1983

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §181 is enacted to read:

§181. Hours for small claims

Each District Court shall be available for at least one hour, one evening each month, or one hour on one Saturday each month, for the hearing of small claims under Title 14, chapter 738. The office of the clerk to that District Court shall open at the same time to receive any small claims' notices.

This section shall be subject to repeal as provided by Title 1, chapter 29.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1983-84 1984-85

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme Judicial,
Superior, District and
Administrative

Unallocated \$35,000 \$35,000

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 549

S.P. 316 - L.D. 952

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Independent Living Services for the Disabled.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 715 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 715

INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED

§3081. Intent

The Legislature finds that the need to provide services for independent living has been established, and that data substantiate the cost-effectiveness of these services in preference to other forms of care for the disabled. Since reductions in federal fund-

ing in this State have created a greater need for services in the areas of deinstitutionalization and preventative services, the Legislature further finds it appropriate to allocate funds and contract with providers of independent living services to assure the delivery of these community-based services to the state's severely disabled persons.

§3082. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Independent living. "Independent living" means a level of control over one's life, based on the choice of acceptable options that minimize reliance on others in making decisions and in performing everyday activities.

2. Independent living services. "Independent living services" means services which promote or train severely disabled persons in managing their personal affairs, participating in day to day life in the community, fulfilling a range of social roles, and making decisions that lead to self-determination and the minimization of physical or psychological dependence on others.

§3083. Grants

The department may make grants to establish independent living services and carry out the purposes of this chapter. Funds shall be disbursed and audited in accordance with departmental grant policies and procedures. The department shall submit an annual accounting of the program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1983-84

HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

Independent Living Services

All Other \$90,000

Effective September 23, 1983.