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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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Chapters 384-End

AND AT THE

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.
Augusta, Maine
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RESOLVES
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and appropriation requests to carry out the recommendations of the review committee; and be it further

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 27, 1985.

CHAPTER 47

S.P. 528 - L.D. 1423

Resolve, to Assess the Current and Projected Needs of Maine Citizens for Additional Nursing Care Services.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, much controversy exists over whether the present and future needs for medical and nursing care are and will be met; and

Whereas, information is needed on health and illness expectations and the medical and nursing services necessary to provide care and meet the needs of present and future citizens; and

Whereas, policies and facilities established in recent years to provide or require the development of alternatives for care may not be adequate for all levels of care; and

Whereas, these issues are of grave concern to the public and the Legislature; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Joint Select Committee on Nursing Care Needs established. Resolved: That there is established a Joint Select Committee on Nursing Care Needs made up of 5 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, 2 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, one Repre-

sentative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one Senator at-large appointed by the President of the Senate to study the following issues and report to the next special or regular session of the Legislature occurring after September 21, 1985.

1. What are the Maine population age classification projections through the year 2010?

2. What are the medical and nursing service needs of those classifications during that period, including:

- A. Hospital beds;
- B. Skilled nursing home beds;
- C. Intermediate care beds;
- D. Home-based care personal services; and
- E. Rehabilitation services, including occupational and physical therapy?

3. How can the identified needs be met?

4. What are the projected capital costs?

5. What is the relationship between the Department of Human Services' reimbursement policies and the construction of new beds and provision of services?

6. What is the rate of return on capital investment of nursing home owners and other service providers and what policies determine that rate?

7. What alternative methods of reimbursement are in practice in other states, including the "fair rental" method of determining the value of services?

8. What changes in state law are necessary to respond to the needs identified and make necessary provisions for care?

; and be it further

Departmental cooperation. Resolved: That departments of State Government that have the necessary information assist the committee in its study, including the Department of Human Services, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Department of Labor and the State Planning Office; and be it further

Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide staff assistance to the committee; and be it further

Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve:

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Personal Services	\$1,800
All Other	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$6,800

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 48

H.P. 911 - L.D. 1302

Resolve, to Authorize State Funding of the Penobscot Nation Museum.

Penobscot Nation Museum; appropriation. Resolved: That the sum of \$30,000 for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1985, is appropriated from the General Fund to the Penobscot Nation for the purpose of the one time start-up cost of the Penobscot Nation Museum.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 49

H.P. 935 - L.D. 1341

Resolve, Extending the Life of the Commission to Examine the Availability, Quality and Delivery of Services Provided to Children with Special Needs.