

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1991

RESOLVES
OF THE
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1991

CHAPTER 6**H.P. 474 - L.D. 668****Resolve, to Direct the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to Develop a Plan to Provide Appropriate Services for Severely Mentally Ill Persons Who Are Living in Homeless Shelters**

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

Whereas, the Maine Coalition for the Homeless estimates that approximately 1/3 of those sheltered in homeless shelters have a severe mental illness, a large percentage of these are members of the Augusta Mental Health Institute consent decree class, and the number of homeless mentally ill is increasing; and

Whereas, homeless shelters are not equipped to provide adequate or appropriate services for persons with severe mental illness and a homeless shelter does not represent an appropriate residential setting for the severely mentally ill in any event; and

Whereas, the fact that severely mentally ill people are increasingly being sheltered in homeless shelters reflects the failure of the State's mental health system to provide appropriate and adequate services for this population; and

Whereas, there is a need for immediate action to assess the nature and scope of the problem and to develop a plan to address it; 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

Department duties. Resolved: That the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall:

1. Develop a plan to provide appropriate services, including residential alternatives, for homeless mentally ill persons. The department shall convene a planning group to develop the plan. The composition of the planning group must be 1/3 consumers of mental health services, 1/3 family members of consumers of mental health services and 1/3 providers of mental health services;

2. Report its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by January 15, 1992; and

3. Consult with the Maine Coalition for the Homeless and the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities in all phases of the planning process.

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

Effective May 6, 1991.

CHAPTER 7**S.P. 367 - L.D. 969****Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory**

State Tax Assessor authorized to convey real estate. Resolved: That the State Tax Assessor is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in real estate in unorganized territory as noted in this resolve. The sale, except as otherwise directed in this resolve, must be made to the highest bidder; subject to the following conditions:

1. Notice of the sale must be published 3 times prior to the sale, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in some newspaper in the county where the real estate lies; except in those cases in which the sale is to be made to a specific individual or individuals as authorized in this resolve, in which case notice need not be published; and

2. A parcel may not be sold for less than the amount authorized in this resolve. If identical high bids are received, the bid postmarked earliest is considered the highest bid.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice, the State Tax Assessor may sell the property for not less than the minimum amount, without again asking for bids, if the property is sold on or before March 1, 1992.

The State Tax Assessor, upon receipt of payment as specified in this resolve, shall record the deed in the appropriate registry at no additional charge to the purchaser, before sending the deed to the purchaser.

Abbreviations, plan and lot references are identified in the 1990 State Valuation.

T17, R5, WELS, Aroostook County

Map AR031, Plan 01, Lot 70 (038990275)

Mark J. Kavanaugh.....Building