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House of Representatives, March 4, 2025

An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old
Orchard Beach, KUHN of Falmouth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, STOVER of Boothbay,
Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

3 **Whereas,** the safety and well-being of victims of domestic violence are of paramount
4 importance; and

5 **Whereas,** this legislation provides funding for essential services for victims of
6 domestic violence and must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to ensure
7 the funding is available at the beginning of fiscal year 2025-26; and

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

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

13 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
14 allocations are made.

15 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
16 **Purchased Social Services 0228**

17 Initiative: Provides funding for essential services for victims of domestic violence.

18 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
19 All Other	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
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21 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

22 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
23 takes effect when approved.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill provides funding for essential services for victims of domestic violence.