

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 183

S. P. 84

In Senate, January 10, 1961.

Referred to Committee on Welfare. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Ferguson of Oxford.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Providing State Aid to Towns for Care of Poor Persons.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 94, § 48, additional.** The Revised Statutes are amended by adding a new section 48, to read as follows:

**'State Aid.**

**Sec. 48. Reimbursement by State.** When a town incurs net costs for furnishing relief to poor persons, and hospitalization for the medically indigent and costs for dependent and committed children in any fiscal year in excess of 10% of all moneys raised by it for all purposes by taxation, the State shall reimburse the town for the amount of such excess costs. The overseer of the poor and the treasurer of the town after the close of the fiscal year shall make and deliver to the State Controller a return under oath on forms provided by the State Controller stating the amount of all moneys raised for all purposes by taxation and the amount of the net costs for furnishing relief to poor persons, and hospitalization for the medically indigent and costs for dependent and committed children during the preceding fiscal year. For the purposes of this section moneys raised for all purposes by taxation shall include all moneys raised for the operation of a town or school district whether or not such moneys are raised for the operation of such town or school district as separate entities. The State Controller shall issue his warrant in favor of the town of the excess shown by the return over 10%.'

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare to carry out the purposes of this act

the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963; the breakdown of which shall be as follows:

<b>Department</b>	<b>1961-62</b>	<b>1962-63</b>
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE		
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000