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ONE - HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 8, 1961

Referred to the Committee on Welfare, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Beane of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Payment of Last Sickness Expense by Department of
Health and Welfare.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 292, amended. Section 292 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 292. Payment of certain obligations of deceased recipients. When for any reason whatsoever a recipient of old age assistance is unable to properly indorse the check for the last payment approved for him prior to his death or commitment to an institution, the department ~~may~~ shall approve payment by the State of obligations incurred by the recipient for board or medical or nursing services in anticipation of the receipt of such check but not in excess of the amount of the check **and may approve additional checks when justice seems to require it provided that any.** Any claim which may be paid under the foregoing must be presented to the department in writing within 60 days of the date of the death or commitment of the recipient.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, § 295, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 295 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 246 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

'Nursing or boarding care in a home licensed by the department is deemed "last sickness" under this section.'