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## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION (EMERGENCY)

#### ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

#### Legislative Document

No. 1646

S. P. 654 In Senate, January 6, 1964
The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.
CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary
Presented by Senator Campbell of Kennebec.

#### STATE OF MAINE

### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR

#### AN ACT to Appropriate Moneys to Increase Rates of Payment for Nursing Home Care for Public Assistance Recipients.

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

Whereas, there are increased costs of operation of nursing homes and because the operators of these nursing homes are finding it is increasingly difficult to continue to provide care for welfare recipients at the present rate of payment; and

Whereas, certain factors contributing to the increased cost of operating nursing homes arise from legislation passed by the last regular session of the Legislature; and

Whereas, in certain nursing homes the costs of providing care are such that the operators may find it necessary to refuse to accept public assistance recipients if present rates of payment continue indefinitely; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Appropriations for increased rates for nursing home care for public assistance recipients. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$65,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 and \$120,000 for the fiscal year ending

June 30, 1965 for the purpose of providing for an increase in the rates of payment to nursing homes for care provided to public assistance recipients.

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HEALTH & WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF

All Other

\$65,000

\$120,000

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