

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 862

S. P. 258

In Senate, February 19, 1969

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hoffses of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Public Assistance Payments in Boarding Homes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 3412, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3412, to read as follows:

§ 3412. Recipients in boarding homes; amount of aid

The amount of aid which a recipient shall receive under section 3404, who is living in a boarding home licensed under section 5, shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support, to provide a minimum of \$5 a month for clothing and personal supplies and a minimum standard social care allowance of \$200 a month. If the amount of aid made by the State as a vendor payment to licensed nursing homes is increased above a standard nursing care allowance of \$300 a month, the above standard social care allowance for recipients in boarding homes shall be increased by the same dollar a month amount.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$600,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 1971, to carry out the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At present the standard social care allowance for state recipients in boarding homes is only \$150 a month plus \$5 a month for clothing and personal supplies. Yet the standard nursing care allowance is \$300 per month, plus \$5,

for those homes meeting specific standards approved by the Division of Hospital Services and \$260 per month, plus \$5, for those who do not meet such standards. The above boarding home allowance is far below a fair compensation and should be increased to at least a \$200 minimum.