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No. 260

H. P. 212

House of Representatives, February 1, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Prescott of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Recipients of State Supplemental Income Residing in Adult Foster Homes and Boarding Homes.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3273, sub-§ 1, ¶ B, as amended by PL 1975, c. 623, § 28, is further amended to read:

B. For an individual who resides in an adult foster home or boarding home, in addition to the benefits provided herein under paragraphs A and C, provide sufficient income to allow the individual for personal needs an amount equal to ~~the rates set in subsection (e) (i) (B) of section 1611 of Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act as amended~~ **\$35 a month**, plus an amount sufficient to meet the monthly per resident payment rate as established by the department for such home in which the individual resides; and

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 3273, sub-§ 4, 3rd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, § 3, is amended to read:

Second, any balance of the appropriation remaining after such budgeting, shall be budgeted and expended to provide an individual sufficient income **for personal needs and** to meet the monthly per resident payment rate for adult foster and boarding home care as provided in subsection 1, paragraph B and subsection 3.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Social Welfare		
All Other	\$324,000	\$356,400

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase from \$25 to \$35 the monthly personal needs allowance paid to SSI recipients who are residing in adult foster homes and boarding homes. The increase is necessary because with inflation many residents now find it difficult to afford certain essentials, such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures and nonprescription drugs.