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(New Draft of H.P. 828, L.D. 1066)

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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1533

H.P. 1161

House of Representatives, May 2, 1983

Reported by Representative Kelleher from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Representative Nelson of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative Carroll of Gray, Representative Manning of Portland and Representative Pines of Limestone.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

AN ACT to Maximize the Availability of
Certain Social Services by Providing for
Income from Fees and Remove References to
Federal Requirements which no Longer Exist.

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

22 MRSA §9, as amended by PL 1981, c. 703, Pt. A, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§9. Fees for service

1. Reasonable fees authorized. The Department of Human Services may charge reasonable fees for any services provided under this Title whether directly or indirectly provided by the department. Any fees thus received shall constitute a permanent fund for use by the department as special revenue income and

1 shall not become part of the General Fund. Fees so
2 generated shall be utilized in accordance with fed-
3 eral regulations.

4 2. Sliding fee scale. The department may estab-
5 lish a sliding fee scale for the provision of
6 community-based purchased services administered by
7 the Bureau of Social Services.

8 A. The sliding fee scale shall be based on gross
9 family income and family size.

10 B. Any fees charged as a result of implementing
11 this subsection shall be paid to the provider of
12 the service and shall be used by the provider for
13 additional services of the same or related type
14 for which the fees were paid.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The passage of the Social Services Block Grant,
17 Title XX by the Congress removed all federal involve-
18 ment in the establishment of income eligibility
19 guidelines for social services. Current legislation
20 requires the use of the guidelines as described in
21 Title 22, section 9 when establishing fees for social
22 services. This new draft allows use of a state
23 established income guideline for the purpose of
24 determining appropriate fees for service.

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