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	SECOND REGULAR SESSION				
	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLA	TURE			
Legis	lative Document	No. 1836			
S.P.	567 In Sena	ite, January 4, 1984			
Orde	deference to the Committee on Appropriations and Finded printed and sent down for concurrence. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pages 26.				
	JOY J. O'BRIEN, Seco	retary of the Senat			
	nted by Senator Brown of Washington. Cosponsor: Senator Perkins of Hancock.				
	STATE OF MAINE				
	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOU	JR			
	AN ACT to Require the State to Finance a General Assistance Prog for Migrant Workers.				
Be i foll	t enacted by the People of the State ows:	of Maine as			
read	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§8-A :	is enacted to			
	8-A. Migrant agricultural worker.	"Migrant ag-			
	ltural worker" means an individua				
	ed in agricultural employment of a require temporary nature, and who is required	seasonal or			
	overnight from his permanent place of				
The	term "migrant agricultural worker"	does not in-			
	e any immediate family member of an	agricultural			
empl	oyer or any person who, for any mo	oney or other			
valu	able consideration paid or promised	to be paid,			
perf	orms any farm labor contracting activ	vity.			

1	Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4311, su	b-§1-A	is enact	ed to
2	read:			
3	1-A. Assistance to migrant a	gricult	ural wor	kers.
4	Whenever a migrant agricultural w	orker i	s in nee	d of
4 5	general assistance and is relieve			
6	any municipality, the overseer s	hall tr	ansmit t	to the
7	Department of Human Services a s	tatemen	t speci	fving
8	the date, nature and amount of a			
9	The department shall reimburse th			
10	100% of such general assistanc			
11	reasonable proportion of the muni			
12	trative costs attributable to tha	t assis	tance.	<u> </u>
13	Sec. 3. Appropriation. Th	e fol	lowing	funds
14	shall be appropriated from the Ge			
15	out the purposes of this Act.			
16			1984	1-1985
17	HUMAN SERVICES,			
18	DEPARTMENT OF			
19	General Assistance -			
20	Reimbursement to Cities			
21	and Towns			
22	All Other		\$2	25,000
23				
24	STATEMENT OF FA	CT		
25	The purpose of this bill is	to requ	ire the	state
26	to assume responsibility for			
27	granted to migrant agricultural w			

sistance has escalated to the point where these small municipalities can no longer be expected to bear such a financial burden.

than their own population. The demand for that

particularly in Washington County, are supporting

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every year.

populations of

The very small municipalities,

migrant agricultural workers greater

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