

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 384

House of Representatives, February 12, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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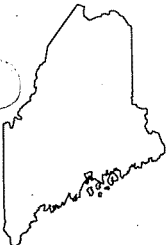
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MORRISON of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representative DUPLESSIS of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Concerning Late Support Payments.



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

19 MRSA §513, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 532, §3, is amended to read:

§513. Distribution of proceeds

Any money realized by the department by proceedings under this subchapter ~~shall reduce~~ reduces the debt of a responsible parent under section 495 and ~~shall must~~ be paid to the recipient of assistance for the express benefit of the dependent children to the extent permissible by federal law and regulations, regardless of whether the payment was made or received during the month when due.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to pay the full amount of "pass through" and "gap" payments, regardless of when the responsible parent made the support payment or when the department received the payment. Currently, to receive aid to families with dependent children benefits, the recipient must agree to have the department collect the support payments to be paid by the responsible parent. If the payment is made later than the month when it is due, the department does not "pass through" the first \$50 of the support above the aid to families with dependent children grant amount. If the payment is not received by the department until later than the month when the payment was due, the department does not pay the recipient the amount of the support that is greater than the aid to families with dependent children grant amount, but less than the "full standard of need" as set by the department.