

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## CHAPTER 563

H. P. 212 — L. D. 260

### AN ACT to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Recipients of State Benefits Residing in Adult Foster Homes, Boarding Homes and Nursing 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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3273, sub-§ 1, ¶ B, as amended by PL 1975, c. 623, § 28, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. For an individual who resides in an adult foster home, boarding home or nursing home, as defined in section 1812-A, 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 at least \$30 a month, plus an amount sufficient to meet the monthly per resident payment rate as established by the department of the adult foster home or boarding home in which the individual resides; and

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 3273, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, § 3, is repealed as follows:

~~Benefits to patients in health care facilities shall be limited to those provided under the Federal Supplemental Security Income Program~~

Sec. 3. 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, in accordance with subsection 1, paragraph B, 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. 4. 22 MRSA § 3274-A is enacted to read:

#### § 3274-A. Personal needs of nursing home residents

In administering this chapter, the department shall ensure that eligible individuals residing in nursing homes, as defined in section 1812-A, shall have at least \$30 a month for personal needs.

Sec. 5. **Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any funds appropriated under this Act shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year to be spent for the same purpose.

1980-81

## HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

## Bureau of Social Welfare

Positions	(1)
Personal Services	\$ 6,034
All Other	111,989
Total	<u>\$118,023</u>

It is estimated that some 900 state supplemental income recipients residing in adult foster homes and boarding homes, and 1,000 recipients residing in nursing homes, currently receive only \$25 monthly for personal needs. This appropriation permits these individuals a \$5 a month increase in their personal needs allowance. Since the Region I Office of the Social Security Administration will not administer this increase, the Department of Human Services requires the addition of one Clerk II to its staff to administer it.

**Sec. 6. Effective date.** This Act shall become effective on October 1, 1980.

Effective October 1, 1980

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## CHAPTER 564

S. P. 303 — L. D. 893

### AN ACT to Increase the Reimbursement Rate to Residential Child Care Facilities.

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

**Sec. 1.** 22 MRSA § 3802, sub-§ 1, ¶ B, as amended by PL 1977, c. 107, is further amended to read:

**B.** For residential child care facilities in an amount equal to ~~but not exceeding, 80%~~ 85% of audited unit cost and based on actual expenditures in the most recent fiscal year. The total amount paid ~~from all sources by the State~~ shall not exceed ~~100%~~ 85% of actual cost for the care of state wards.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.