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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 310

In Senate, January 26, 1961

Referred to Committee on Welfare. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cyr of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Maximum Grants in Some Public Assistance Categories.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 281, amended. The last 2 sentences of the first paragraph of section 281 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

'This assistance shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support of the recipient, to provide such person with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but not exceeding \$55 per month so much of any expenditure with respect to any month as exceeds the maximum amount allowable by federal matching in accordance with Title I of the Social Security Act, as amended. Whenever the federal matching maximum is changed, the department may change the maximum grant with the approval of the governor and council.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, § 302, amended. Section 302 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 302. Amount of aid.** The amount of aid which any person may receive shall be determined on a budgetary basis with due regard to the conditions existing in each case and in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the department. This aid shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support of the recipient, to provide such person with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but not exceeding \$55 per month so much of any expenditure with respect to any month as exceeds the maximum amount allowable by federal matching in accordance with Title X of the Social Security Act, as amended, except that the first \$50 per month of earned income in the

amounts stated in the Social Security Act, as amended, shall be disregarded in making a budget. All aid granted under the provisions of sections 298 to 318 shall be paid monthly by the State. ~~Whenever the federal matching maximum is changed, the department may change the maximum grant with the approval of the Governor and Council.~~

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 25, § 319-B, amended. Section 319-B of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 30 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1955, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 319-B. Department to administer aid to the disabled. The department shall administer the law relating to aid to the disabled and may make rules and regulations necessary to the administration thereof. ~~It is empowered to employ, subject to the provisions of the personnel law, such assistants as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 319-A to 319-F and to coordinate their work with that of the other social welfare work of said department.~~ All aid granted under the provisions of said sections shall be paid monthly by the State. The amount of aid which any person shall receive shall be determined on a budgetary basis with due regard to the conditions existing in each case and in accordance with the rules and regulations of said department. This aid shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support ~~of the recipient,~~ to provide ~~such person with~~ a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but not exceeding \$55 per month so much of any expenditure with respect to any month as exceeds the maximum amount allowable by federal matching in accordance with Title XIV of the Social Security Act, as amended. ~~Whenever the federal matching maximum is changed the department may change the maximum grant with the approval of the Governor and Council.'~~