

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
(EMERGENCY)

ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1647

S. P. 655

In Senate, January 6, 1964

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Campbell of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FOUR

**AN ACT to Appropriate Funds and Provide Staff for Public Assistance
Programs.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, funds are requested in order to continue to operate the public assistance programs on eligibility standards less stringent than those in effect at the time of the last regular legislative session; and

Whereas, the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare require an increase in the frequency of review of eligibility in public assistance cases and also require a new system of so-called quality control; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to conform to Federal requirements in order to prevent placing Maine's public assistance federal matching funds in jeopardy; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Staff positions. The Department of Health and Welfare is authorized to establish 33 staff positions to administer public assistance programs, the cost of such positions to be financed from excess Federal revenue for administration of the public assistance programs.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. In order to provide for the necessary expenditures of government and for other purposes for the next 2 fiscal years — from July 1, 1963 to June 30, 1964 and from July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965 — the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulations, are appropriated out of any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated. Upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the Governor and Council based upon work programs submitted to the State Budget Officer, the State Controller shall authorize expenditures of these appropriations and revenues accruing thereto, together with expenditures for other purposes necessary to the conduct of State Government on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise.

| | 1963-64 | 1964-65 |
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| HEALTH & WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF | | |
| Aid to Dependent Children | | |
| All Other | \$ 15,000 | \$ 30,000 |
| Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled | | |
| All Other | 225,000 | 175,000 |
| | <hr/> \$240,000 | <hr/> \$205,000 |

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.