

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 885

House of Representatives, February 11, 1965

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Millay of Bowdoinham.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT Relating to Parental Responsibility to Support Children Receiving Aid to Dependent Children.

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

**R. S., T. 22, § 3754, additional.** Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3754, to read as follows:

**‘§ 3754. Parental responsibility**

The parents of a child receiving aid to dependent children shall, if of sufficient ability, be responsible for partial or total support of such child. In determining the ability of such parents, their assets as well as their income shall be considered.

The department may bring proceedings in the District or Superior Court in the county where the child resides or in the county where the parent may be found, to compel any person liable under this section to contribute to the support of any child receiving such aid, if after reasonable efforts on the part of the department, voluntary contributions have not been made. The action shall be brought as a petition for support upon not less than 7 days' notice. The court may order either the father or the mother or both parents of such child to contribute to the support of such child such sums payable weekly or monthly as are deemed reasonable and just and may enforce obedience by appropriate decrees, execution issuing for said sums when payable. When the defendant is committed to jail on execution under this section, the county having jurisdiction of the process shall bear the expense of his commitment and support, and he shall not be entitled to relief therefrom under Title 14, chapters 503 and 505. He may petition the court issuing such execution for relief, whereupon the judge of such court after due notice to the department, and hearing thereon, may order his discharge from imprisonment on such terms and conditions as justice may require.’