

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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No. 1724

H. P. 1229

House of Representatives, January 17, 1966

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Carswell of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SIX

AN ACT Redefining Aid for Public Assistance Purposes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 3301, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 3301 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. Aid. "Aid" means money payments to, ~~or in behalf of~~ or medical care ~~in behalf of~~ or any type of remedial care ~~in behalf of~~ or any related services to needy individuals who qualify for aid to the aged, blind or disabled; ~~but does not include any such payments to or care in behalf of any individual who is a patient in an institution for tuberculosis or psychosis, mental disease, or who has been diagnosed as having tuberculosis or psychosis and is a patient in a medical institution as a result thereof, or any individual who is an inmate of a public institution, except as a patient in a medical institution.~~

Sec. 2. Appropriation. For the purposes of this Act there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$225,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and the sum of \$577,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1965-66	1966-67
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(16) \$ 20,000	(16) \$ 75,000
All Other	200,000	500,000
Capital Expenditures	5,000	2,500
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	\$225,000	\$577,500

Sec. 3. Special revenue account. Revenue to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections from this Act shall be credited to a special revenue account, and at least 50% of the revenue so credited shall be transferred, with approval of the Governor and Council, to the Department of Health and Welfare to finance insofar as possible a liberalized definition of disability by including mental disease or disorder as a basis for eligibility for assistance.