

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 674

H. P. 461

House of Representatives, February 8, 1967

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rocheleau of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Payment of Funeral Expenses of Recipients of Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 3409, amended. Section 3409 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 3409. Funeral expenses

On the death of an active recipient of aid to the aged, blind or disabled, reasonable funeral expenses not exceeding ~~\$150~~ **\$225** shall be paid by the State if the estate of the deceased is insufficient to pay the same **and if the total funeral expenses, exclusive of clergymen's honorarium and cemetery costs, do not exceed \$400.**

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$40,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$40,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1967-68	1968-69
Health and Welfare, Department of		
All Other	\$40,000	\$40,000

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The current \$150 allowance was established several years ago and since then all major consumption items have increased in cost. The proposed \$225 allowance will bring it into conformity with the State's general assistance burial allowance and that of most municipalities in the State.