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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fecteau of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Application for Aid to Aged, Blind or Disabled.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 3401, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 3401 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 364 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

An application shall be ~~accompanied by a sworn statement of supported by financial information concerning the spouse and parents of said applicant who is under the age of 21 or is blind or permanently disabled~~ if residing in this State and accessible. Such ~~statement information~~ shall include ~~full information facts~~ regarding income, assets and liabilities. If such applicant has previously applied and there is on file with the department the necessary ~~sworn statement information~~, then the applicant need only furnish such additional ~~sworn statements information~~ as the department may require. If the applicant is unable to obtain the ~~sworn statement information~~ from such spouse, then upon proof of his inability to do so, the department shall obtain such ~~statement or the required~~ information from any available source and proceed to process the application. Any determination made under this section shall be subject to the right of appeal by the applicant under section 3411.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 22, § 3403, sub-§ 2, repealed. Subsection 2 of section 3403 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 364 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The purpose of this Act is to eliminate the requirement for a sworn statement by the applicant's spouse. Information concerning the spouse's financial circumstances is routinely more efficiently and as accurately obtained through established application and review procedures related to the spouse's liability for support under section 3452 of Title 22 (Liability of Relatives). The requirement for a sworn statement does not produce new information, and duplicates present procedures. Its elimination will speed up the processing of applications in Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled.