

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 718

H. P. 539 House of Representatives, February 11, 1969
Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up
for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk
Presented by Mrs. White of Guilford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Expand Homemaker Services in the Department of Health and Welfare.

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

Department of Health and Welfare; appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare from the General Fund the sum of \$97,000 to provide for the expansion of its homemaker services. The breakdown of expenditures shall be as follows:

	1969-70	1970-71
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(27) \$35,000	(27) \$37,000
All Other	12,500	12,500
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	\$47,500	\$49,500

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above funds will generate federal funds of approximately \$142,500 for 1969-70 and \$148,500 for 1970-71. The federal formula regarding the need for Homemaker Service is: One homemaker for each 100 welfare cases or one homemaker for every 1,000 people (general population).

Homemakers go into families where there is a crisis situation—a sick mother with small children, old people who need some assistance, someone home from the hospital needing help—and tide the family over. They also

help mothers to become more adequate, by teaching budgeting, buying, keeping house, cooking, using surplus foods.

At present the State Homemaker Staff consists only of 6 people who work both with groups and individuals. There is operating in the Rockland area a homemaker service paid for by OEO funds. These funds are shortly to be discontinued. Here is an excellent opportunity to continue an already effective community service. Many areas of the State are very desirous of **this service.**