

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 620

House of Representatives, February 12, 1969

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Relating to Increased Board Payments for State Wards.

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

**Appropriation to the Department of Health and Welfare.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$480,000 for the purpose of providing increases in board rates for children in custody of the Department of Health and Welfare and living in foster homes. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1969-70	1970-71
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$240,000	\$240,000

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

This appropriation will affect 2,800 children now in custody of the Department of Health and Welfare. It will permit increased board rates on a differential basis to licensed foster homes caring for these children. The request reflects consideration of differential board rate increases for "normal" children and "problem" children (retarded, brain-damaged, etc.), and differential board rates for foster homes having one child placed in the home and those having more than one child in care.

The funds so requested would permit placement of children on a more selective basis of their special needs.