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Presented by Senator Carswell of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Amount of Aid for the Aged, Blind or Disabled.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 3404, amended. Section 3404 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

Any increase in social security benefits or pensions for veterans' widows shall be disregarded in making a budget for a recipient of aid to the aged, blind or disabled.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Persons who have qualified for old age assistance, aid to the blind or disabled, are penalized when they receive raises in social security or raises in veterans' widows payments. This is generally a raise necessitated by hardships experienced by persons who have qualified for such payments. The State Department of Health and Welfare negates the action by agencies allowing social security and veterans' widows pensions, when it re-evaluates cases and decreases aid based on such increases.