

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 451

H. P. 342

House of Representatives, January 28, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to the Administration of Aid to the Aged, Blind, Disabled
and Medically Indigent.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 3301, repealed and replaced. Section 3301 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 503 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 3301. Aid to the aged, blind, disabled and medically indigent

The department is authorized to administer and operate programs of aid to the aged, blind, disabled and medically indigent within the Federal Social Security Act and any amendments and additions thereto.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 22, § 3303, repealed. Section 3303 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 22, §§ 3351 and 3353, repealed. Sections 3351 and 3353 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes are repealed.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 22, §§ 3401 - 3407, repealed. Sections 3401 to 3404, as amended, and sections 3405 to 3407 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 22, § 3452, repealed. Section 3452 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by sections 3 and 4 of chapter 364 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act provides a general enabling act for the operation of the adult public assistance programs and the program of medical care for the medically indigent. It repeals a series of specific sections in the statutes but does not in and of itself make any major change in the programs by such repeals. A broadly worded act is desirable, for it enables the department to make any advantageous adaptations in federal-state programs without the necessity for repeated legislative action on required small changes in Maine statutes. With the impending possibility of a federally financed income maintenance program, such an enabling act as is here proposed would be expected to enable the Department of Health and Welfare to take advantage of any more favorable federal support.