

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 474

House of Representatives, February 5, 1971

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bustin of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Extend Medical Assistance to Low Income People Not on State  
Categorical Assistance Programs.**

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

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$8,700,000 for the purpose of providing medical assistance for the medically indigent under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3351. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(35) \$ 88,000	(40) \$ 100,000
All Other	2,699,000	5,787,000
Capital Expenditures	13,000	13,000
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	\$2,800,000	\$5,900,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

This is an Act intended to be a first step in meeting the medical needs of the medically indigent in compliance with Federal requirements, which call for comprehensive medical coverage of the medically indigent under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. An estimated 100,000 low income Maine residents who cannot now meet rising medical costs, who are not now eligible for State Administered categorical assistance programs, and therefore are being denied adequate medical care, would be provided for by the appropriation requested herein.