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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1528

House of Representatives, January 24, 1972

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bedard of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

AN ACT Relating to the Administration of State Funds Appropriated to
Charitable and Benevolent Institutions.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 46, amended. Section 46 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 283 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows :

§ 46. Administration of appropriations to charitable and benevolent institutions ; recipients not deemed paupers

No part of any appropriations made by the State for the care, treatment, support or education of any person by any charitable or benevolent organization not wholly owned or controlled by the State shall be paid until duly itemized bills, showing the name of the person receiving the service, the date on which the service was rendered, and the rate charged therefor per day or week, shall have been filed with the State Controller together with a certificate from the department that satisfactory evidence has been filed in its office by the organization furnishing the service that the person receiving the service were in need of such services; that they were not able to pay for the same; that the rates charged are not greater than those charged to the general public for the same service.

The Department of Health and Welfare shall administer those funds appropriated by the Legislature to charitable or benevolent agencies or organizations for the provision of services to people.

Payments Disbursement made by the State department to charitable and benevolent organizations such an agency or organization under this section

shall be governed by such rules and regulations ~~and rates~~ as are prescribed by the department. No person shall be deemed a pauper by reason of having received the benefit of any funds, either state or municipal, which shall have been expended in his behalf under this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

There are at present favorable federal regulations which permit the matching of certain state dollars with federal money. The purpose of this proposed amended statute is to facilitate cooperative service efforts between those charitable and benevolent organizations receiving special legislative appropriations and the Department of Health and Welfare to take advantage of available federal dollars.