

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 79

S. P. 40

In Senate, January 4, 1973

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested by
Committee on Reference of Bills.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Brennan of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Making Additional Appropriations for the Expenditures of
State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1973.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, Public Law 92-512 (Revenue Sharing Act) recently passed by Congress contains provisions restricting the use of federal funds for social services resulting in the curtailment of certain services for the elderly and for children; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations for necessary expenditures of government. In order to provide for the continuation of services to nonwelfare recipients who were receiving services under Title IV-A and XVI of the Social Security Act of 1935 as amended prior to implementation of the aforementioned restrictions, the following sum or as much thereof as shall be found necessary is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973 out of any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated or provided by law. Upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the Governor and Council based upon

work programs submitted to the State Budget Officer, the State Controller shall authorize expenditures of these appropriations and revenues accruing thereto, together with expenditures for other purposes necessary to the conduct of State Government on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$1,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF

Supplemental Social Services	\$1,000,000
All Other	

Provides emergency funds for continuation of Social Services curtailed due to federal restrictions.

The commissioner is authorized to establish rules and procedures to implement the intent of this legislation.

In the event the appropriation is not adequate, each grant shall be reduced by an equal proportion of the demonstrated need.

Any balances at June 30, 1973 shall carry forward until the purposes for which the appropriations are made shall be accomplished.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

An amendment to Public Law 92-512 (Revenue Sharing Act) recently passed by Congress restricts the use of federal funds for social services. The amendment stipulates that 90% of the federal dollars available to the State of Maine under Titles IV-A and XVI of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended, must be spent for services to current recipients or applicants for welfare. As a result, social services for the elderly and for children will be severely curtailed.

Services affected by the amendment include Homemaker Services, Meals on Wheels, senior centers, day care and some mental health programs.

The purpose of this request is to provide state funds to continue these services to nonwelfare recipients who were receiving such services prior to implementation of the federal restrictions.

This will allow for careful consideration of the programs and provide an opportunity to explore alternative funding possibilities.