

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1021

House of Representatives, March 6, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Soulas of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Amending the Law Relating to the Provision of Housing and Meals
to State Employees.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 8-B, amended. The first 3 sentences of section 8-B of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 588 of the public laws of 1971, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

It is the intent of the Legislature to discourage the construction, reconstruction and equipping of new housing facilities for state employees at state institutions and all other areas of State Government and to cause the termination of existing provision of housing facilities to state employees whenever other housing facilities are reasonably available to such employees and their residence elsewhere will not substantially impair the effective management and operation of the state department or institution by which such persons are employed. The housing facilities of each state department shall be reviewed periodically by the state department involved, and the provision of any such housing facilities shall be terminated whenever the above stated criteria are met. Except as otherwise provided, in each instance of the provision of housing facilities by the State, a rental charge shall be made to cover the total operating cost of any such facility.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 8-B, amended. Section 8-B of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 588 of the public laws of 1971, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

No charge shall be made for the provision of housing facilities when the state employee involved is required as a condition of his employment to reside in such housing facilities.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 5, § 8-C, amended. Section 8-C of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 588 of the public laws of 1971, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

No charge shall be made for the provision of meals to any state employee who eats such meals within the scope of his employment and in so doing serves a function of his employment.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to remove inequities that have affected certain employees of state institutions in the administration of the original statutes and to provide a means of correcting such inequities.