

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1468

H. P. 1133

House of Representatives, March 15, 1973

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Establish a State Housing Assistance Program.

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

Whereas, the cessation of direct federal housing assistance payments and programs valued at more than \$1,600,000 annually in Maine creates an immediate need; and

Whereas, this need can only be met by an Act of the Legislature to create a State Housing Assistance Program; 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. R. S., T. 30, § 4651, sub-§ 12, additional. Section 4651 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 12 to read as follows:

12. Housing assistance payments. Pursuant to the purposes of this Act to provide housing for persons of low income, the state authority shall have the power to make monthly assistance payments to enable said low income persons to secure adequate housing. The maximum assistance payment shall not exceed \$100 per month per family. In determining eligibility of recipients, the authority shall consider those items enumerated in section 4760, subsections 1 and 4.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Housing Assistance Program the sum of \$3,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will enable the State Housing Authority to provide direct housing assistance payments on behalf of low income persons. It will provide for the continued construction of units needed to house Maine citizens who cannot afford decent housing, even with below market interest programs available.