

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1701

S. P. 547

In Senate, April 3, 1973

On motion of Senator Hichens of York, referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Greeley of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Facilitate Access to
Services Essential for Older People.**

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

Department of Health and Welfare; appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare, Services for Aging, from the General Fund the sum of \$134,750 to continue Older Americans Programs by providing transportation services, where necessary, to facilitate access to services, with priority given to health care, including hospitals, physician care, bona fide clinics, prescription drugs and all other essential medications, meals programs and food distribution centers; and with priority given to income producing and supplement programs. It is the intention of the Legislature that funds appropriated shall through contracts or grants with private agencies be administered in conjunction with and as a component of coordinated community programs to more effectively help Maine's elderly. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Older Americans Program		
All Other	\$57,750	\$77,000

Provides funds to assist in the development of greater community services to Maine's elderly citizens.

The funds requested are expected to generate federal funds.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The 1,100 delegates to the 1972 state-wide Conference on Aging, representing Maine's 120,000 elderly, unanimously adopted a priority resolution calling for essential services in the field of transportation.