

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 326**

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H. P. 245

House of Representatives, January 23, 1975

Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Mr. Raymond of Lewiston referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. Pert, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Raymond of Lewiston.

Cosponsors: Mr. Nadeau of Sanford and Mr. Jensen of Portland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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### **AN ACT to Clarify Municipal Obligation for Relief under the Pauper Laws.**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA, § 4497, 1st sentence**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 470, § 1, is amended to read:

Overseers of poor or some person or persons designated by them to act in their behalf shall have the care of all persons dependent upon the municipality for their support ~~present in their the municipality and shall cause them to be relieved at the expense of the municipality~~ when the determination for eligibility for relief is made.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA, § 4497**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 470, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

**Such municipality is to remain liable for the support of persons found eligible for relief irrespective of the fact that relief must be furnished outside that municipality.**

### STATEMENT OF FACT

Under this Act a person could look for relief only in the municipality where the determination for eligibility for relief was made. This would prevent a pauper from going from one town to another when injured and filing a claim.