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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 528

S. P. 154

In Senate, February 5, 1975

Referred to Committee on Performance Audit. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Corson of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Prevent Abuse under the Aid to Dependent Children Program.

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA, c. 130, is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 130

WELFARE ABUSE

§ 3921. Persons residing with unrelated adult member of opposite sex prohibited from receiving ADC

No person shall receive payments on behalf of a child under the Aid to Dependent Children Program who resides with an adult who is neither the recipient's spouse nor a member of the recipient's immediate family. "Member of the immediate family" means a mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, brother or sister. Anyone violating this section shall receive a term of imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 2 years.

§ 3922. Adult prohibited from residing with unrelated person of opposite sex receiving ADC payments

No adult shall reside with any person of the opposite sex if that person is neither the adult's spouse nor a member of the adult's immediate family and if that person is receiving payments on behalf of a child under Title 22, chapter 1053, Aid to Dependent Children. "A member of the immediate family" means a mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, brother or sister. Anyone who violates this section shall receive a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than 2 years.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA, § 3757, is enacted to read:

§ 3757. Prohibition of payments

If a person receiving payments on behalf of a child under chapter 1053, Aid to Dependent Children, resides with an adult of the opposite sex who is neither the recipient's spouse nor a member of the recipient's immediate family, the Department of Health and Welfare shall immediately terminate payments to the recipient under chapter 1053. "Member of the immediate family" means a mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, brother or sister. A recipient whose payments are terminated under this section is subject to imprisonment under Title 17, section 3921.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this bill to prevent as much as possible the continuance of abuse under the Aid to Dependent Children Program.