

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 748

H. P. 605

House of Representatives, February 21, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Aid to Families with
Dependent Children Program.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$42,766,400 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF

	1975-76	1976-77
Aid to Families with Dependent Children		
All Other	\$20,381,400	\$22,385,000
To support increased payments of need based on updated 1974 standards.		

STATEMENT OF FACT

Eligible AFDC recipients, including approximately 50,000 children, are currently receiving payments equal to only 62% of their standard of need based on 1969 cost of living standards.

Since 1969, the cost of living has risen at least 40%. Approval of this appropriation would raise need standards to reflect the cost of living as of 1974 and would ensure that recipients receive 100% of their need.

The appropriations will be matched by the Federal Government on a 7-3 basis resulting in over 100 million new dollars for the State's economy during the next 2 years.