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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1292

S. P. 394

In Senate, March 25, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cyr of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide Reimbursement to Municipalities for Labor Costs of General Assistance Recipients Employed by the Municipalities.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 4499, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 470, § 1, is amended to read:

When a municipality incurs net costs for furnishing such general relief in any fiscal year in excess of .0006 of that municipality's state valuation as determined by the ~~State Tax Assessor~~ **Director of Property Taxation** in the statement filed by him as provided in Title 36, section 381, the Department of Health and Welfare shall reimburse the municipality for 90% of the amount in excess of such expenditures which the department considers to be reasonable and appropriate.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 4499, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 681, § 7, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

Expenditures made by a municipality to any persons eligible for general assistance in payment for work done as employees of the municipality shall be included for purposes of state reimbursement in the costs of general assistance furnished by the municipality.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will permit any municipality to add the amount of money paid to general assistance recipients for work done as municipal employees to the total costs of general assistance. As part of the costs of general assistance, these expenditures would be eligible for state reimbursement when the town exceeds the threshold for local spending described in this section.