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STATE OF MAINE (Filing No. H-517)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.
1467, L.D. 1726, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Verifying Facts
Supporting the Eligibility of Applicants for Aid for Families
with Dependent Children."

Amend said Amendment by striking out all of the first
line of the 8th paragraph and inserting in place thereof
the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §§3757 and 3758 are enacted to read:'

Further amend said Bill by inserting before section 2
the following:

'§3758. Disbursements

1. Carrying account for unexpended balances. Notwith-
standing any other provision of law and except as funds are
necessary to carry out section 2 of this Act, funds appropriated
for the aid to families with dependent children account shall
not be transferred from such account and shall not lapse at
the end of a fiscal year, but shall be carried forward from
year to year to be expended for the same purpose. All
unexpended balances of the account shall be expended pursuant to
subsections 2 and 3.

2. Analysis of unexpended balance. Each month, from the
savings resulting from the error rate, the aid to families
with dependent children account shall be analyzed to determine
if the unexpended balance is sufficient to provide for an
increase in payment maximums. The balance to be analyzed shall

be that as of the most recent month for which data is available,
preferably the 2nd month preceding the month in which the
analysis is made.

3. Payment maximums. Payment maximums shall be increased
when the unexpended balance of the account is sufficient and
when the amount of the monthly payment maximum shall not exceed
an amount consistent with 1/12 of the annual lower level budget
for a family of 4 people computed for Portland, Maine by the
United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Subject to the availability of funds, such increase shall be
no less than 5% of the current payment maximum rounded to the
nearest dollar and shall be effective with checks issued the
first month following the current month and shall be continued
for the balance of the fiscal year. If the unexpended balance
is not sufficient to provide for such an increase, it shall
be expended to continue payments at current levels.'

Further amend said Amendment by striking out all of the
last sentence of section 2.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to assure that funds
appropriated for aid to families with dependent children are
expended to assist the most truly needy citizens of Maine.

Filed by Mrs. Berube of Lewiston.

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