

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1726

H. P. 1467

House of Representatives, April 8, 1975

On motion of Mrs. Berube of Lewiston, referred to the Committee on Performance Audit. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Berry of Madison.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Berube of Madison, Mrs. Durgin of Kittery, Mr. Carey of Waterville.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Verifying Facts Supporting the Eligibility of Applicants  
for Aid for Families with Dependent Children.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3758 is enacted to read:

§ 3758. Verification

The department shall verify the facts supporting eligibility stated in any application for aid to families with dependent children before approving the application.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Social Welfare, the sum of \$27,484 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Social Welfare

Personal Services	(35)	1975-76 \$335,932	1976-77 (35)\$352,512
All Other		18,730	20,310
Capital Expenditures		—	—
Total		<hr/> \$354,662	<hr/> \$372,822

## STATEMENT OF FACT

By regulation, the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare can reduce the federal matching funds available for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program if the State's error rate exceeds the established federal percentage levels for errors in ineligible grants, and for cases where overpayments occur. Maine's error rate exceeds the established federal levels and is increasing due to cutbacks in staff ordered in the last special session.

This bill directs the department to verify the eligibility of any applicants for AFDC payments. The appropriation provides for additional personnel to carry out the verification procedures.