

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1731

H. P. 1465

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: Mr. Theriault of Rumford, Mr. Carey of Waterville, Mrs. Durgin of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Payments of Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

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

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

§ 3758. Payments

Regular public assistance payments for aid to families with dependent children shall be made in 2 equal installments each month. The department shall mail checks for these 2 installments on or before the 14th day of each month and on or about the last working day of each month. For the purposes of this section, "regular public assistance payments" shall include all payments for aid to families with dependent children except first payments of new grants.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$334,716 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF

	1975-76	1976-77
Personal Services	(2) \$ 20,000	(2) \$ 20,000
All Other	202,358	92,358
Capital Expenditures		
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	\$222,358	\$112,358

STATEMENT OF FACT

Presently, AFDC payments are made monthly. This bill would provide for AFDC payments twice each month. Receiving $\frac{1}{2}$ of the former monthly payment approximately every 2 weeks will provide recipients with a more continuous income flow throughout the month. This change may ease budgeting problems for recipients, enable them to better plan for their more immediate needs and improve their money management habits.