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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1887

H. P. 1608

House of Representatives, May 20, 1975

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10. 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.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Najarian of Portland, Mrs. Goodwin of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Require the Payment of AFDC Benefits for Unborn Children.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the future health of an unborn child often depends upon the health and well-being of that child's mother; and

Whereas, there has been considerable question as to whether Aid to Dependent Children Benefits should be paid for unborn children; and

Whereas, in order to ensure the best possible start for all Maine children, there is an urgent need to provide both financial and medical assistance to pregnant women whose unborn children might be eligible for assistance under the Aid to Dependent Children Program; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

22 MRSA § 3741, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1967, c. 459, § 1, is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

For purposes of the Aid for Dependent Children Program, as administered in the State of Maine, unborn children shall be defined as dependent children and shall receive the same benefits and entitlements as all other dependent children.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make unborn children eligible for AFDC payments in order to accomplish the purposes set forth in the emergency preamble.