

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 628

In Senate, January 19, 1976

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

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**AN ACT to Continue Providing Aid to Charitable Institutions.**

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

Whereas, thousands of needy persons and families in Maine would be deprived of essential services to maintain health and decency without aid to charitable institutions; 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:

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services the sum of \$59,000, in addition to any and all other appropriations, to continue financial agreements and allocations to those charitable institutions which received such aid in the previous biennium as officially recorded with the Department of Human Services. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1976-77

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

All Other

\$59,000

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Over the past 2 decades each of the Legislatures has consistently deemed it desirable and necessary to appropriate Special Resolve grants to the following charitable institutions: Good Samaritan Home, Holy Innocent's Home, Maine Childrens Home for Little Wanderers, Opportunity Farm, St. Andre's Home, St. Elizabeth's Asylum, St. Louis Home, Unmarried Parents Service.

These nonprofit institutions and agencies provide essential social services to deprived, needy and dependent children and families in the State of Maine. The above appropriations are required if the institutions are to continue their present level of service.