

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2112

H. P. 1925

House of Representatives, January 27, 1976

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Goodwin of Bath.

Cosponsor: Mr. Goodwin of So. Berwick

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT to Provide Medical Care for Aged, Blind and
Disabled Individuals.**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3283, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 623, § 30 and as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, § 4, is further amended by inserting after the 7th ¶ the following new paragraph to read:

The income factor of eligibility also will be met for any individual who, except for income and resources, would be eligible for benefits under Title XVI, or its successors, of the Social Security Act, provided that, after reducing all income received by or available to such individual by the liabilities for the kinds of goods and services provided for in this section, the residual income and resources are not greater than the most current lower budget standards for a retired couple as determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for Portland, Maine, and reduced by 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % for an individual.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services the sum of \$1,533,436 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

All Other

\$1,533,436

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that Maine citizens who would qualify for Supplemental Security Income, except for income and resources, will be eligible for benefits under the Medicaid Program after they have spent the difference between their monthly gross income and the lower budget standard for a retired couple, as determined by the United States Department of Labor. This bill carries an appropriation of \$1,533,436.