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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 694

H. P. 570

House of Representatives, March 2, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Najarian of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Redefine the Designation of Beneficiaries of Priority Social Services.

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

22 MRSA § 6112, as repealed and replaced by P & SL 1973, c. 148, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 6112. Designation of beneficiaries

A resident of this State and members of his immediate family and household, who are eligible for social services as provided by Title XX of the Social Security Act by reason of income, shall also be qualified to be a beneficiary of priority social services in terms of income.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The present wording of Title 22, section 6112, establishes eligibility standards for priority social services that differ from those of Title XX of the Social Security Act. The intent of the Legislature appears to have been to provide social services for those Maine residents who did not qualify under Titles IV-A and XVI (which have since been incorporated into Title XX of the Social Security Act). By changing the statute, the accounting and determination of eligibility for the Bureau of Resource Development and its contracting agencies will be simplified. It appears that the income eligibility under Title XX and PSSP do not differ significantly, although the basis for their determination differs. If the bureau adopts a fee scale for social services under Title XX and PSSP and raises the percent of median income standard, more people will be eligible for more services than at present.