

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 858

H. P. 673

House of Representatives, March 9, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3741, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1967, c. 459, § 1, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

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.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services, Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program, the sum of \$300,000 to carry out the purpose of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program		
All Other	\$100,000	\$200,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make unborn children eligible for AFDC payments in order to ensure the best possible start for all Maine children.