

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1035

S. P. 315

In Senate, March 22, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Redmond of Somerset.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, to Extinguish Certain Debts Owed by Counties to the  
State of Maine.**

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

Whereas, Title 22, section 3104, states that the counties shall bear  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the administrative costs of a statewide food stamp program; and

Whereas, the Department of Human Services misinterpreted that clause and failed to bill the counties for administrative costs totaling \$232,443.19, incurred between July 1, 1974, and June 30, 1976; and

Whereas, the Department of Human Services has already paid these costs; and

Whereas, to require the counties to reimburse this amount would result in financial hardship to them and their municipalities; 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

**Nonpayment of certain county debts authorized. Resolved:** That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the counties of Maine shall not be required to reimburse the State of Maine for \$232,443.19 in administrative costs for the food stamp program which have already been paid by the State, between July 1, 1974, and June 30, 1976.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this resolve is stated in the emergency preamble.