

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1123

S. P. 338

In Senate, March 24, 1977
Referred to Committee on Human Resources. Sent down for concurrence
and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Provide Services to Older Blind Persons to
Assist them in Remaining in their Own Homes and in Caring for Themselves.**

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, Division of Eye Care, for the fiscal year 1977-78 the sum of \$40,000, which shall be used to contract for services for older blind persons in order to assist them in remaining in their own homes and in caring for themselves. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Division of Eye Care	
Personal Services	(3) \$30,000
All Other	10,000
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	\$40,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

Services for the blind are aimed at enabling older blind and other severely visually handicapped individuals to care for themselves, to communicate with others, to get around and to maintain their independence and self-sufficiency. As a result of receiving services provided by funds under this bill, it is anti-

pated that blind individuals will be able to remain in their own homes and to care for themselves rather than being institutionalized or dependent on others for care.

Eligible persons for services to the blind are those older persons who have a severe visual impairment and who need to more independently manage their own homes or communicate.