

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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S. P. 403

In Senate, April 5, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and 2,000 ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator McNally of Hancock.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Provide Temporary Compensation to Incapacitated Persons  
Pending Application for State or Federal Aid.**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 855-E is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 855-E

TEMPORARY SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME

FOR DISABLED PERSONS

§ 3291. Temporary Supplemental Income Fund

There is hereby established a Temporary Supplemental Income Fund to be administered by the department in accordance with this chapter. This fund shall not lapse. Moneys allocated to the fund in any year not used in that year may be used in any succeeding year.

§ 3292. Eligibility

Any person disabled for a period of not less than one month nor more than one year who fails to qualify for supplemental security income benefits pursuant to Title XVI of the Social Security Act solely because the length of period of that person's disability does not meet the requirements set out in Title XVI of the Social Security Act shall, upon furnishing the department with proof of disability as the department may require, be entitled to receive temporary supplemental income benefits pursuant to this chapter.

### § 3293. Exceptions

No person shall be eligible for or receive benefits under this chapter if at the time of application for temporary supplemental income benefits, that person is receiving or is eligible to receive any federal or state supplemental security income, employment compensation, disability income insurance, workmen's compensation benefits or any other federal, state, county or municipal assistance.

If during any period in which a person is receiving temporary supplemental income benefits under this chapter that person becomes eligible for or receives any other assistance benefits set out in the preceding paragraph, the benefits issued under this chapter shall cease.

### § 3294. Standards

The department shall establish standards and regulations, based on need, to regulate the distribution of funds under this chapter. Funds shall be distributed in order to assist disabled persons to attain a reasonable standard of living during the period of their disability.

### § 3295. Rules and regulations

The department shall make all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services the sum of \$200,000 for the fiscal year 1977-78 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Temporary Supplemental Income Fund	\$200,000

### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would establish a temporary supplemental income fund to provide assistance to disabled persons who, because their disabilities are not of sufficiently long duration, fail to qualify for supplemental security income. The fund would be available to disabled persons who are receiving no other assistance benefits and would be limited to disabilities lasting longer than one month. The benefits would be payable up to one year, after which the disabled person would, in all likelihood, qualify for other types of assistance.