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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A" to H.P. 1230, L.D. 1475, Bill, "AN ACT to Expand the Availability of Certain Social < > Services by Increasing Income Eligibility."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'§9. Fees for services

1. Reasonable fees authorized. The Department of Human Services is authorized to charge reasonable fees for any services provided under this Title if, in the opinion of the commissioner, the recipient of such services has sufficient resources to pay for these services. Any fees thus received shall constitute a permanent fund for use by the department as special revenue income and shall be used to defray the expenses of the services charged for and shall not become part of the General Fund.

2. Title XX services; sliding fee scale. The department is authorized to provide and to establish a sliding fee scale for the provision of mental health, mental retardation, family planning, alcohol treatment, campership, foster care, group care and homemaker services under Title XX of the Federal Social Security Act, as amended, to individuals and families whose adjusted gross income is below 115% of the median personal income for residents of the State. Any

such fee scale established by the department shall be subject to the following provisions.

A. Any fees received under this subsection shall be used to defray the expenses of the services charged for and shall proportionately reduce the reimbursement for the services to the agency by the department. Funds so generated shall be used for additional services and shall be used for the same social services for which the fees were paid.

B. Services provided to recipients whose income is between 80% and 115% of the personal median income for residents of the State, shall not exceed 20% of the service units provided in each category of service.

C. Any sliding fee scale for the payment for services specified in this subsection, shall be based on the ability of recipients of these services to pay.

D. In establishing any sliding fee scale for the payment for services specified in this subsection, the department shall take into account at least gross family income, family size and indebtedness.

E. Prior to the implementation of any fee scale for services specified in this subsection, the department shall consult with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services of the Legislature and shall hold public hearings, duly advertised in the media, prior to the adoption of the fee scale.

F. The median income figure used by the department as a basis of determining eligibility shall be reviewed at least annually and shall be adjusted to reflect the official median income figure for Maine, as promulgated by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

3. Child day care services. The department shall provide and shall establish a sliding fee scale for the provision of child day care services under Title XX of the Federal Social Security Act, as amended, both to individuals and families whose adjusted gross income is at or below 80% of the median personal income for residents of the State and to individuals and families whose adjusted gross income is between 80% and 115% of the median personal income for residents of the State. This sliding fee scale shall be subject to the following provisions.

A. The provisions included in subsection 2, paragraphs A B and F shall apply to the fee scale established by the department for child day care services.

B. The following sliding fee scale for the provision of child day care services, as adjusted annually pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph F, shall be adopted by the department on January 1, 1978.

FEE SCALENumber in Family

	2	3	4	5	6	7	Fee
	<u>60% Median</u>						
	\$101-106	125-131	149-158	173-183	197-209	201-213	\$ 0
	\$107-112	132-140	159-168	184-194	210-222	214-226	\$2
WEEKLY INCOME	\$113-119	141-149	169-178	195-205	223-235	227-240	\$4
	\$120-127	150-158	179-188	206-217	236-248	241-254	\$6
	<u>80% Median</u>						
	\$128-135	159-167	189-199	218-230	249-262	255-268	\$8
	\$136-142	168-177	200-211	231-244	263-278	269-284	\$10
	\$143-149	178-187	212-223	245-258	279-295	285-300	\$13
	\$150-157	188-198	224-236	259-273	296-312	301-317	\$16
	<u>100% Median</u>						
	\$158-169	199-209	237-249	274-289	313-329	318-336	\$19
	\$170-178	210-219	250-260	290-303	330-344	337-352	\$23
	\$179-187	220-229	261-273	304-317	345-361	353-369	\$27
	<u>115% Median</u>						
	\$188-195	230-240	274-286	318-332	362-378	370-386	\$32

Based on Guidelines October 1, 1977

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment include the following.

1. Fees authorized. Subsection 1 authorizes the Department of Human Services to charge reasonable fees for any service provided by the department and requires that the fees collected be used as special revenue for the services for which the fees were charged. These provisions exist in present law.

2. Title XX services. Subsection 2 authorizes the Department to establish a sliding fee scale for several social services which are funded under Title XX of the Federal Social Security Act. These services include mental health, mental retardation, family planning, alcohol treatment, campership, foster care, group care and homemaker services.

3. Child day care services. Subsection 3 requires the department to expand child day care services to persons who have an adjusted gross income between 80% and 115% of the State's median personal income and to establish a sliding fee scale for the payment of these services.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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