

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 2057**

H. P. 1972

House of Representatives, January 12, 1978

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested. Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 25.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burns of Anson.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-EIGHT

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**AN ACT to Require the State to Assume all Administrative Costs for the Food Stamp Program.**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3104, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 462, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:**

**2. Costs. The State shall pay all costs for administration of food stamp distribution programs in the State.**

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act shall take effect January 1, 1979.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

At present, the costs of administration of the food stamp program in Maine are paid  $\frac{2}{3}$  by the State and  $\frac{1}{3}$  by the counties. This system requires the Department of Human Services to determine the costs of administration for the counties and to enter into contracts and agreements with the counties in order to share these costs. As the program is basically a federal program and as the current sharing of costs results in needless paper work to determine the administrative costs which the counties must share, it would be better and simpler to have the State pay all administrative costs. This bill accomplishes that purpose.