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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-98)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 212, L.D. 260, Bill,
"AN ACT to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Recipients
of State Supplemental Income Residing in Adult Foster Homes
and Boarding Homes."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting
in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Recipients
of State Benefits Residing in Adult Foster Homes, Boarding Homes
and Nursing Homes.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3273, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1975,
c. 623, §28, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
B. For an individual who resides in an adult foster home,
boarding home or nursing home as defined in section 1812-A,
in addition to the benefits provided herein under paragraphs
A and C, provide sufficient income to allow the individual for
personal needs an amount equal to at least \$35 a month, plus
an amount sufficient to meet the monthly per resident payment
rate as established by the department of the adult foster home
or boarding home in which the individual resides; and

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3273, sub-§2, ¶A, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §3, is repealed as follows:
~~Benefits to patients in health care facilities shall be limited to those provided under the Federal Supplemental Security Income Program.~~

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3273, sub-§4, 3rd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §3, is amended to read:
Second, any balance of the appropriation remaining after such budgeting, shall be budgeted and expended to provide an individual sufficient income for personal needs, in accordance with subsection 1, paragraph B, and to meet the monthly per resident payment rate for adult foster and boarding home care as provided in subsection 1, paragraph B and subsection 3.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3274-A is enacted to read:
§3274-A. Personal needs of nursing home residents

In administering this chapter, the department shall ensure that eligible individuals residing in nursing homes as defined in section 1812-A shall have at least \$35 a month for personal needs.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any funds appropriated under this Act shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year to be spent for the same purpose.

1979-80

1980-81

Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	\$ 8,046	\$ 8,429
All Other	<u>228,000</u>	<u>250,800</u>
Total	\$236,046	\$259,229

It is estimated that some 900 state supplemental income recipients residing in adult foster homes and boarding homes, and 1,000 recipients residing in nursing homes, currently receive only \$25 monthly for personal needs. This appropriation permits these individuals a \$10 a month increase in their personal needs allowance. Since the Region I Office of the Social Security Administration will not administer this increase, the Department of Human Services requires the addition of one clerk II to its staff to administer it. The appropriation for fiscal year 1980-81 is increased by 10% over the previous year to take into account the expected caseload increase and the merit increase for the clerk II.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to increase from \$25 to \$35 the monthly personal needs allowance enjoyed by recipients of state benefits who are residing in adult foster homes, boarding homes and nursing homes and to add nursing home patients to the list of recipients whose personal needs allowance will be increased and to make downward adjustments in the appropriation clause to take into account imminent social security increases.