

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 776

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Pearson of Old Town, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Doukas of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Revising the Pauper Laws.

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

22 MRSA § 4499, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 717, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 4499. Costs; limit

When a municipality incurs net general assistance costs in any fiscal year, the Department of Human Services shall reimburse the municipality for 70% of the amount of the expenditures which the department considers to be reasonable and appropriate. For the purposes of this section, the municipal officers shall submit to the Department of Human Services a monthly return on forms provided by the department stating the amount of net general assistance costs.

The department shall also reimburse the municipality for 70% of the reasonable expenses of administering the program of general assistance and the municipal officers shall submit to the department a monthly return on forms provided by the department stating the amount of the administrative costs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require 70% state reimbursement of net general assistance costs incurred by municipalities and 70% state reimbursement of the administrative costs of the municipal general assistance program.