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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1122

H. P. 909

House of Representatives, March 9, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kany of Waterville.

Cosponsors: Mr. Barry of Fort Kent, Mr. Nadeau of Lewiston and Mr. Higgins of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Requiring Medicaid Recipients to Aid in the Payment of Medical Services.

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

22 MRSA § 3173, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 674, § 20; c. 696, § 370; c. 712, Part F, § 2, and repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 714, § 2, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The department shall, in a manner consistent with the requirements for the receipt of federal matching funds under the United States Social Security Act, Title XIX, or its successors, establish a copayment or deductible charge for recipients of assistance under this chapter for medical services rendered in a hospital emergency room or during an office visit.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require recipients of medical assistance to pay a small deductible charge for emergency room and office visits. This charge will help reduce the cost to the State of the medical assistance program.