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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-458)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT To H.P. 1054, L.D. 1305, Bill,

AN ACT to Permit a Resident of an Intermediate Care Facility

who Receives Aid for the Medically Needy to Give at Least

\$250 a Month from His Income to a Dependent Spouse."

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

'AN ACT to Permit a Resident of an Intermediate Care
Facility or a Skilled Nursing Facility who Receives Aid for
the Medically Needy or Aid for the Categorically Needy to Give
\$210 a Month from his Income to a Dependent Spouse.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the last paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'If a recipient of assistance under this chapter who a resides in an intermediate care facility or/skilled nursing facility has a spouse dependent on that recipient for support, the department shall permit the recipient to transfer \$210 a month, or \$2,520 a year, from his income to that spouse.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment limits the amount to \$210 a month, which will permit the difference between the current allowed amount and \$210 to be matched through federal funds. It also includes those residen in the skilled nursing facilities as well as intermediate care facilities, and further clarifies the title to indicate that all those receiving aid for the medically needy and aid for the categorically needy will be eligible.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
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