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Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Reeves of Pittston.

Cosponsor: Mr. Barry of Fort Kent.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Permit Priority Social Services Program Money to be Used as Matching Funds for Federal Money.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 6103, sub-§ 3, as enacted by P&SL 1973, c. 38, § 1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 6103, sub-§ 6, as enacted by P&SL 1973, c. 38, § 1, is amended to read:

6. To require minimum coordination of programs and resources, especially full use of federal resources to the extent reasonably feasible within their limiting constraints ~~prior to obligation of state funds~~; and

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA § 6105, 2nd sentence, as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 90, Section C, § 3, is further amended to read:

This program shall provide certain priority social services, with an emphasis placed on the development of human services in rural areas of Maine, **as funding allows**, to residents of the State by encouraging and assisting qualified community, regional and state level, private nonprofit and public nonstate government social agencies to develop greater capacity, to foster the

development and provision of priority social services programs by entering into coordinated, cooperative agreements between the State of Maine and such agencies.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA § 6110, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 523, § 1, is amended to read:

The following types of social services ~~or so much of expenditures for these types of social services which do not qualify under federal legislation for payment from federal sources~~ are designated as priority social services for payment of expenditures from state funds appropriated to carry out the purposes of this chapter:

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA § 6111, sub-§ 3, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1975, c. 90, Section C, § 4, is amended to read:

3. Use of Federal Government resources. All resources available for the United States Government to support all or part of the cost of a priority social service shall be utilized to the fullest extent reasonably feasible with their limiting constraints ~~prior to obligation of state funds. State funds appropriated for the Priority Social Services Program shall be expended only for types of social services and only for providing social services to classes of beneficiaries of priority social services which do not qualify for funding from Federal Government resources, especially Title IV A and XVI of the Social Security Act or their successor. Failure to qualify may be due to constraints on federal programs limiting use of federal funds to certain segments of the population or certain definitions of types of service or due to the absence of available federal funds, or other reasonable causes~~

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA § 6111, sub-§ 5, last ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 523, § 2, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of the Priority Social Services Program is to provide certain priority services with emphasis in rural areas of Maine. The proposed amendments would allow Priority Social Services Program funds to match other federal funds and thereby provide a greater opportunity to provide priority social services to Maine residents.