

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1881**

H. P. 1754

House of Representatives, January 25, 1980

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

Cosponsors: Mr. Cloutier of South Portland, Mr. Brannigan of Portland and Mr. Violette of Van Buren.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

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**AN ACT to Appropriate Funds for an Increase in Board Rates for Foster Parents and Clothing Allowances for Children under the Care or Custody of the Department of Human Services.**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3802, sub-§ 1, ¶ A**, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 527, § 1, is further amended to read:

A. The foster home board care, when combined with any other resources as may be available to share the costs of the care payment, shall be at a rate which is at least equal to, but not less than, the rate in the following schedule:

For Care of A Child Who Is	Rate Per Month	
Normal	<del>132</del>	152
Mildly Handicapped	154	177
Moderately Handicapped	176	202
Severely Handicapped	209	240

**Sec. 2.** 22 MRSA § 3802, sub-§ 1, ¶ D, as amended by PL 1977, c. 107, is further amended to read:

**D.** For a clothing allowance, when combined with any other resources as may be available, payment shall be at a rate which is at least equal to, but not less than, the rate in the following schedule:

For a Child Age	Rate Per Month
0-4 years	<del>\$11</del> \$13
4 years 1 day to 11 years	<del>19</del> 22
11 years 1 day or older	<del>27</del> 31

In lieu of a monthly clothing allowance, the department may provide for clothing for children by direct purchase.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<b>1980-81</b>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>	
All Other	\$351,451

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The board rate for foster parents and the clothing allowance for children in the care or custody of the Department of Human Services falls substantially below the actual cost of caring for the children. Inflation and the cost-of-living increases have made the already serious situation even worse. An increase is essential for the State to more nearly meet its responsibility to these children.