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House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brodeur of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Redesignating the Bureau of Resource Development as the Bureau of Social Services, and the Bureau of Social Welfare as the Bureau of Income Maintenance.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 1, 3rd ¶, 3rd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 674, § 18, is amended to read:

These personnel shall be employed subject to the Personnel Law, except the: Deputy Commissioner; Director, Bureau of ~~Resource Development~~ Social Services; Director, Bureau of Maine's Elderly; Director, Bureau of Health; Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation; Director, Bureau of ~~Social Welfare~~ Income Maintenance; and Director, State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 5308, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, § 3, is further amended to read:

There shall be within the Department of Human Services the Bureau of ~~Resource Development~~ Social Services.

Sec. 3. Transition provisions.

1. Bureau of Social Services. The Bureau of Social Services shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the former Bureau of Resource Development.

2. Rules, regulations and procedures. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or promulgated in or by the Bureau of Resource Development, or in or by any administrative units or officers thereof, are hereby declared in effect and shall continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the proper authority.

3. Contracts; agreements; compacts. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Bureau of Resource Development shall continue in effect.

4. Personnel. Any positions, authorized and allocated subject to the Personnel Law, to the former Bureau of Resource Development shall be transferred to the Bureau of Social Services and may continue to be authorized.

5. Records, property and equipment. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the former Bureau of Resource Development shall become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Bureau of Social Services.

6. Forms; licenses; letterheads. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name "Bureau of Resource Development" or which make reference thereto may be utilized by the Bureau of Social Services until existing supplies of such items are exhausted.

Sec. 4. Transition provisions.

1. Bureau of Income Maintenance. The Bureau of Income Maintenance shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the former Bureau of Social Welfare.

2. Rules, regulations and procedures. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or promulgated in or by the Bureau of Social Welfare, or in or by any administrative units or officers thereof, are hereby declared in effect and shall continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the proper authority.

3. Contracts; agreements; compacts. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Bureau of Social Welfare shall continue in effect.

4. Personnel. Any positions, authorized and allocated subject to the Personnel Law, to the former Bureau of Social Welfare shall be transferred to the Bureau of Income Maintenance and may continue to be authorized.

5. Records, property and equipment. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the former Bureau of Social Welfare shall become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Bureau of Income Maintenance.

6. Forms; licenses; letterheads. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name "Bureau of Social Welfare" or which make

reference thereto may be utilized by the Bureau of Income Maintenance until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

Sec. 5. Revision clause. Wherever in the Revised Statutes the words "Bureau of Resource Development" appear or reference is made to that name, they shall be amended to read and mean the "Bureau of Social Services."

Sec. 6. Revision clause. Wherever in the Revised Statutes the words "Bureau of Social Welfare" appear or reference is made to that name, they shall be amended to read and mean the "Bureau of Income Maintenance."

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill revises the names of 2 bureaus in the Department of Human Services to more applicable and descriptive names only. It in no way changes any duties, responsibilities or funding from what is currently in effect.