

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 826

H. P. 701 House of Representatives, February 12, 1981
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up
for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Brenerman of Portland.

Cosponsors: Representative Kelleher of Bangor, Representative Fowlie
of Rockland and Senator Conley of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Provide 75% Reimbursement to a Municipality for General Assistance
Costs.**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 4450, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 417, § 2, is amended
to read:

3. **Net general assistance costs.** "Net general assistance costs" means those
direct costs incurred by a municipality in providing assistance to eligible persons
according to standards established by the municipal officers ~~and does not include
the administrative expenses of the general assistance program~~ includes
administrative expenses determined to be eligible direct costs pursuant to rules
and regulations of the Department of Human Services.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 4499, first sentence, as amended by PL 1979, c. 382, § 1, is
repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**The Department of Human Services shall reimburse the municipality for 75% of
the municipality's net general assistance costs as defined in section 4450,
subsection 3, when the department finds that the municipality has been in
compliance with all requirements of this chapter.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for state reimbursement of 75% of a municipality's total local welfare costs, including administrative expenses.