

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1151

H. P. 960

House of Representatives, March 6, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Connors of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning the Reporting of Welfare Fraud.

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

22 MRSA § 3106 is enacted to read:

§ 3106. Reward for information concerning funds improperly obtained

Any person who furnishes information concerning a person who has unlawfully or improperly obtained public assistance payments or welfare payments, or the like, which information leads directly to the recovery of all or part of those payments, shall be paid a sum equal to 10% of the amount recovered. This sum shall be paid by the agency or governmental unit to which the assistance or welfare payments are returned.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to encourage individuals to report welfare or public assistance fraud by giving a reward for information that leads to the recovery of funds improperly obtained.