

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1167

H. P. 979

House of Representatives, March 9, 1981

Speaker laid before the House and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Brodeur of Auburn.

Cosponsors: Representative Reeves of Pittston, Representative Lund of Augusta, and Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Preserve Intact Low Income Families by Allowing them to Participate in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program.

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

22 MRSA § 3741, as repealed and replaced by PL 1967, c. 459, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The department shall also implement and operate a program of aid to the dependent children of intact families with unemployed parents in accordance with the United States Code, Title 42, Section 607, as amended.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will enable families in which there is an unemployed parent of dependent children to supplement unemployment compensation when they are unemployed, with Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits. Presently there are many families which break up in order to assure that children receive minimum subsistence available through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program. By allowing this option, families for which unemployment

compensation does not provide for even minimum existence can choose a 70% federally-funded program as a supplement, assure some medical care coverage and keep the family together.