

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1505**

H. P. 1292

House of Representatives, March 30, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Tarbell of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT to Prohibit Conveyance of Assets to Qualify for Public Assistance Programs.**

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

22 MRSA § 15 is enacted to read:

**§ 15. Transfer of assets to qualify for assistance programs**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person may receive any general assistance, medical assistance or any other welfare assistance on the state or local level if, within 3 years of the date of application for that assistance, the person has transferred real or personal property, or any interest therein, without reasonable consideration, if the difference between the fair market value of the property transferred and the value of the consideration received if regarded as an asset of the applicant would otherwise render the applicant ineligible for such assistance. Reasonable consideration means the fair market value of the property at the time of the transfer.

The Human Services Fraud Investigation Unit may investigate any alleged violations of this section and may take any action authorized under section 13.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the transferring of assets in order to make a person eligible for assistance programs.