

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 418

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7 S.P. 151

In Senate, February 5, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered  
9 printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Twitchell of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator Berube of Androscoggin and Senator Brown of  
11 Washington.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Clarify Financial Eligibility  
18 Standards for Public Assistance With  
19 Respect to Hospitals and Nursing Homes  
20 and Promote Equitable and Consistent  
21 Enforcement of such Standards.  
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
24 follows:

25 22 MRSA §1708, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

26 3. Simplification and explanation of eligibility  
27 standards. To the maximum extent practicable within  
28 the requirements imposed by federal law and regula-  
29 tions, the department shall promulgate rules govern-  
30 ing financial eligibility for Medicaid and other  
31 state administered programs for hospital and nursing  
32 home services, so that the eligibility standards are  
33 likely to be clearly understood by the eligible popu-  
34 lation groups and their families and may be adminis-  
35 tered on a fair and equitable basis. In carrying out  
36 its responsibilities under this subsection, the de-

1 partment shall consult on a regular basis with repre-  
2 sentative groups, including the Maine Committee on  
3 Aging, on the manner in which existing standards may  
4 be simplified and more clearly understood by those  
5 affected.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The purpose of this bill is reflected in its con-  
8 tent. At the present time, there is much confusion  
9 regarding eligibility standards, treatment of trans-  
10 fer of assets and determination of eligibility among  
11 spouses.

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