

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
2

3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
4

5 Legislative Document

No. 788

6
7 S.P. 299

In Senate, February 28, 1985

8 Referred to the Committee on Human Resources. Sent down for
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

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

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative Carroll of Gray.

11
12 STATE OF MAINE
13

14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
16

17 AN ACT to Provide Assistance to Needy
18 Families Facing Foreclosure.
19

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

22 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
23 577, §1, is amended to read:

24 1. Basic necessities. "Basic necessities" means
25 food, clothing, shelter, fuel, electricity,
26 nonelective medical services as recommended by a phy-
27 sician, telephone where it is necessary for medical
28 reasons and any other commodity or service determined
29 essential by the overseer in accordance with the
30 municipality's ordinance and this chapter. Assist-
31 ance required to avoid foreclosure of an eligible ap-
32 applicant's sole residence shall be considered a basic
33 necessity.

1

STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill amends the definition of basic neces-
3 sity in the general assistance program to include
4 circumstances in which a family faces imminent fore-
5 closure on their home. In at least one recent case
6 assistance with a mortgage payment was denied to a
7 family causing them to lose their right to redeem
8 their home. The municipality argued that the family
9 would not be immediately without shelter as a result
10 of the foreclosure even though the consequence of the
11 refusal would be that they would lose their home in
12 the near future.

13

1381020785