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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 2175

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8 S.P. 861

In Senate, March 11, 1986

9 Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule
10 24.

11 Referred to the Committee on Human Resources. Sent down for
concurrency and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative Manning of Portland.

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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18 AN ACT to Continue Use of Computer Match
19 Programs to Determine Eligibility of
20 Public Assistance Recipients.
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22 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
23 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
24 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

25 Whereas, the bank match program is "sunsetting"
26 for April 1, 1986; and

27 Whereas, the program continually requires an Act
28 of the Legislature; and

29 Whereas, the program has proven cost effective
30 and efficient; and

31 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
32 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
33 the Constitution of Maine and require the following

1 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
2 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
3 therefore,

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

6 Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §161, sub-§2, ¶I, as amended by
7 PL 1985, c. 311, §3, is further amended to read:

8 I. Any disclosure of records made pursuant to
9 Title 22, section 16. ~~This paragraph is repealed~~
10 ~~on April 17, 1986, and; or~~

11 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §16, sub-§3, as enacted by PL
12 1983, c. 784, §4, is repealed.

13 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
14 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
15 proved.

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 This bill repeals the April 1, 1986, sunset pro-
18 vision of this law. It enables the Department of Hu-
19 man Services to continue to use computer matches with
20 financial institutions to determine continued eligi-
21 bility of public assistance recipients. The use of
22 computer matches has proven to be cost efficient and
23 effective during its first year of operation.
24 Through October 1985, 94 cases were identified by
25 computer match and have been removed from public as-
26 sistance programs.

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