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NO. 411

H.P. 312 House of Representatives, February 19, 1987 Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by Representative HICKEY of Augusta and Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Increase the Amount the State

| 2 3 4 | Disregards in Determining Eligibility for the Supplemental Security Income Program. |
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| 5 6 | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
| 7 | 22 MRSA §3271, sub-§4 is enacted to read: |
| 8 | 4. Income disregard. In determining eligibility |
| 9 | for state supplemental income, the department shall |
| 10 | disregard \$100 of income a month for an individual |
| 11 | and \$150 of income a month for a couple, as permitted |
| 12 | by the United States Social Security Act, Title XVI. |

| 2 | This bill increases the amount the State |
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| 3 | disregards in determining income eligibility for the |
| 4 | Supplemental Security Income Program. Presently, the |
| 5 | State disregards \$44 for a single person and \$64 for |
| 6 | a couple. This amount has not increased since 1974. |
| 7 | This raises the amount to \$100 for an individual and |
| 8 | \$150 for a couple. The benefit of this increase is |
| 9 | that, once supplemental security income eligible, the |
| 10 | individual becomes eligible for the Medicaid health |
| 11 | insurance program. |

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