

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 427

H.P. 328 House of Representatives, February 20, 1987
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial
Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HICKEY of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senators BERUBE of Androscoggin, CLARK of
Cumberland and Representative REEVES of Pittston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Increase the Amount the State
Contributes to the Supplemental
Security Income Program for those
Living in the Community.

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

22 MRSA §3273, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1973,
c. 790, §3, is amended to read:

A. Increase the minimum monthly federal payment
standard, in addition to that established pursu-
ant to federal law, by an amount of at least \$8
\$12 per month for an individual and \$12 \$18 per
month for a couple;

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill provides a modest increase to the amount the State contributes as its share to the Supplemental Security Income Program from \$10 to \$12 for an individual and from \$15 to \$18 for a couple. This bill benefits 18,775 low-income elderly and disabled living in the community.

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The intent of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 855-C, was to annually increase the state share by the United States Consumer Price Index insofar as appropriations are available. The state contribution has not increased for over 10 years. This bill provides for only a modest increase to low-income elderly and disabled citizens whose sole source of income is the Supplemental Security Income Program.

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