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NO. 2212

H.P. 1619 House of Representatives, February 9, 1988
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin,

Representatives OLIVER of Portland and LISNIK of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Improve the Standard of Living for

Maine's Low-Income Children.

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4	Emergency preamble.	Whereas,	Acts	of	the
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6	after adjournment unless enac	ted as emer	gencies	; an	d

Whereas, the current maximum monthly payment for a mother and child on the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program is \$310; and

1 2	Whereas, this payment results in income which is only slightly more than 1/2 of the poverty level; and
3 4 5	Whereas, as a result families in this program do not have sufficient income to purchase basic necessities; and
6 7 8 9 10	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the reservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
12 13	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
14 15 16	Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
17 18	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	Aid to Families with Dependent Children All Other \$3,100,000 Provides funds for a 10% increase in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children standard of need and payment maximum in each year.

	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Medical Care-Payment to Providers All Other 350,000 Provides funds to cover increased medical payments resulting from increase in Aid to Families with Dependent Children
	10	standard of need.
	11 12	Total \$3,450,000
	13 14 15	Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
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	17	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
ga er mag	18 19 20	Aid to Families with Dependent Children All Other \$6,316,768
	21 22 23	Medical Care-Payment to Providers All Other 713,183
	24 25 26 27 28	Total \$7,029,951 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
	29 30 31 32	STATEMENT OF FACT This bill provides funds for a 10% increase in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Standard of
	33	Need and payment maximum in response to the compelling need expressed in the emergency preamble.

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