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S.P. 120

Received by the Secretary, January 30, 1991

Reported by Senator CLARK of Cumberland for the Commission to Study the Level of Services for Maine's Elderly Citizens pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 58.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 18.

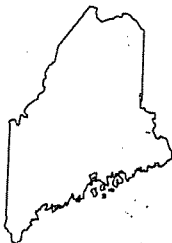
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Ensure That the State Supplemental Income Benefit Is Not Diminished by Inflation.



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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3273, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Cost-of-living adjustments. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, beginning January 1992 and every January thereafter the department shall adjust the minimum state supplemental income benefit provided in subsection 1, paragraph A as follows.

A. For an individual, the minimum state supplemental income benefit for the previous month must be multiplied by one plus the most recent federal cost-of-living adjustment for social security retirement benefits. The result must be rounded to the nearest dollar.

B. For a couple, the minimum state supplemental income benefit must be 150% of that calculated for an individual in paragraph A.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services shall study the supplemental security income outreach project funded by the American Association of Retired Persons in the Southern Area Agency on Aging. The Maine Committee on Aging shall study any supplemental security income outreach efforts undertaken by the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services. The Bureau of Elder and Adult Services and the Maine Committee on Aging shall jointly submit a report regarding the outreach efforts, together with any recommendations and implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources by February 1, 1992. A copy of the report must be sent to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
State Supplement to Federal		
Supplemental Security Income		
All Other	\$554,568	\$1,875,946
Provides funds for cost-of-living adjustments to the state supplemental income benefit effective January 1, 1992 and January 1, 1993 in		

2 accordance with the
provisions of this Act.

4 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TOTAL

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	\$554,568	\$1,875,946

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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12 This bill is recommended unanimously by the Commission to
13 Study the Level of Services for Maine's Elderly Citizens. The
14 bill requires that the state supplement to federal supplemental
15 security income payments receive the same cost-of-living increase
16 as social security retirement benefits. The bill also requires
17 the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services and the Maine Committee on
18 Aging to study supplemental security income outreach efforts and
make recommendations to the Legislature.