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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 319, L.D. 857, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Adequate Resources for Energy Assistance Programs for Low-income Households"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Seasonal energy supplement program. To the extent possible and within the limit of current budget and staffing resources, the Department of Human Services shall cooperate with the Public Utilities Commission, the Public Advocate and the Division of Community Services in designing the seasonal energy supplement program in order to coordinate the program with any utility-sponsored, low-income programs.

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Federal Expenditure funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1991-92

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Aid to Families with Dependent Children

All Other	\$1,678,811
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Provides funds for the allocation of federal matching funds for seasonal energy supplement payments to Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients for energy-related expenses.

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Administration - Income Maintenance

2 All Other \$18,000

4 Provides for the allocation of federal
6 matching funds for computer programming and
8 contractual services related to the seasonal
energy supplement for Aid to Families with
Dependent Children recipients.

10 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

12 TOTAL \$1,696,811

14 Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the
Stripper Well Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

16 1991-92

18 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

20 Aid to Families with Dependent Children

22 All Other \$1,000,000

24 Provides for the allocation of stripper well
26 funds for the state share of seasonal energy
supplement payments to Aid to Families with
28 Dependent Children recipients for
energy-related expenses.

30 Administration - Income Maintenance

32 All Other \$18,000

34 Provides for the allocation of stripper well
36 funds for the state share of computer
programming and contractual services costs
38 related to the seasonal energy supplement
for Aid to Families with Dependent Children
40 recipients.

42 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TOTAL

\$1,018,000

44 MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

46 Energy Conservation

48 All Other \$750,000

50 Provides funds for existing weatherization
52 and other energy efficiency programs for

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low-income households. The use of these funds must comply with the leveraging incentive program of 42 United States Code, Chapter 94, Subchapter II (1981, as amended).

**MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY
TOTAL**

\$750,000

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS

\$1,768,000'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

1991-92

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds

\$3,464,811

REVENUES

Other Funds

\$3,464,811

This bill provides allocations of federal expenditure and stripper well funds for seasonal energy supplement payments for Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients and related administrative costs, as well as funds for weatherization and other energy efficiency programs for low-income households. These amounts may require adjustment depending on the available balance of stripper well funds and the amount of funds to be allocated and transferred in fiscal year 1991-92, as recommended by the Governor and enacted by the Legislature.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment is an attempt to provide assistance to low-income persons in meeting the increased heating energy cost burdens identified by the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Energy Policy for Maine's Low-income Citizens.

This amendment replaces the appropriation sections of the original bill. This amendment provides funds for fiscal year 1991-92 for a special seasonal energy supplement designed to assist recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children in meeting their heating energy needs. This amendment also provides funds for the Energy and Weatherization Program to assist

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low-income persons through weatherization and other energy
efficiency programs. Under this amendment, money is not
appropriated from the General Fund.

This amendment also requires that, to the extent possible
and within the limit of current budget and staffing resources,
the Department of Human Services work in cooperation with the
Public Utilities Commission, the Public Advocate and the Division
of Community Services to design the seasonal energy supplement
program in order to coordinate the program with any
utility-sponsored, low-income programs.

Reported by Senator Cleveland for the Committee on Utilities.
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