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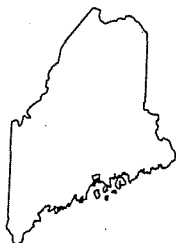
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MAHANY of Easton.
Cosponsored by Representative DORE of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Address Periodic Crises in the Preparation and Mailing of
Checks to Clients of the Department of Human Services and to Ensure
Priority Payment of Foster Care Expenses.**



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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7066** is enacted to read:

6 **§7066. Data entry and related personnel**

8 **1. Authority of director.** The director may require data
10 entry personnel and other personnel involved in check preparation
12 for clients of state programs throughout State Government to
14 assist various state departments and agencies in the preparation
16 and mailing of checks to clients of different programs by
18 temporarily reassigning personnel to agencies in need of
20 assistance.

22 **2. Cooperation by agencies.** The heads of departments and
24 other state agencies shall cooperate with the director in order
26 to accomplish the temporary reassignment of personnel authorized
28 under subsection 1.

30 **3. Employee status.** Any employee temporarily assigned to
32 another department or agency under this section remains an
34 employee of the department or agency to which the employee is
36 regularly assigned.

38 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3758, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

40 **7. Priority of payments.** Payments to recipients under this
42 chapter have absolute priority and must be made without delay
44 whether or not they are pursuant to a state plan or contract
46 under 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 23.

48 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4062, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

50 **3. Priority of payments.** The department shall ensure that
payments for foster care made under this subchapter have the same
priority as payments for aid to families with dependent children
pursuant to section 3758, subsection 7.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources to draw data entry personnel and other personnel from other departments to assist in the preparation and mailing of checks to clients of other departments. Since the several departments often have different peak loads, personnel can be pooled to assist departments in addressing these peak loads. The bill also requires that payment of foster care expenses have the same absolute priority as payment of aid to families with dependent children.