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No. 1008

S.P. 334

In Senate, March 25, 1993

An Act to Establish Welfare Eligibility Reform.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SUMMERS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator HANLEY of Oxford.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3760-G is enacted to read:

6 §3760-G. Financial responsibility of other members of household

8 1. Financial responsibility established. Notwithstanding
10 any other provision of law, a person other than a natural parent,
12 an adoptive parent or a stepparent required to provide support
under state law who is present in the home of and included in a
family that receives benefits under this chapter shall support
financially the children in that family.

14 2. Eligibility determination. Notwithstanding any other
16 provision of law, the income of a person who is required to
18 provide financial support under subsection 1 must be considered
in determining the eligibility of the family for benefits under
this chapter.

20 3. Waiver request; effective date. The Commissioner of
22 Human Services shall submit a federal waiver request as necessary
24 by December 31, 1993 to implement this section. This section
does not take effect until the federal waivers are approved and
the Secretary of the Department of Social Services and the
26 Secretary of Health and Hospitals certify to the Governor and the
joint standing committee having jurisdiction over human resources
28 matters that implementation of this section will not result in
the loss of federal funds.

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

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34 The purpose of this bill is to address the so-called "man in
36 the house" rule pertaining to the receipt of Aid to Families with
38 Dependent Children. This bill provides that the income of a
40 person who is not a natural parent, adoptive parent or stepparent
42 required to provide support under state law who is present in the
home of and included in a family that receives Aid to Families
with Dependent Children be included in determining whether the
family is eligible to receive benefits. This bill also imposes
financial responsibility for the support of the children in the
family on such a person.

44 This bill takes effect only upon the receipt of appropriate
46 federal waivers and upon certification from the Federal
Government that federal funds will not be lost by its
48 implementation.