

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 179

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

### **An Act to Change the Municipal General Assistance Shelter Allowance.**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, DUDLEY of Portland, GERRY of Auburn, JACOBS  
of Turner, MUSE of South Portland.

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

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**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4305, sub-§3-B,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. AAA, §3, is further amended to read:

**3-B. Temporary maximum levels.** Notwithstanding subsection 3-A, municipalities shall establish an aggregate maximum level of assistance that is ~~110%~~ 140% of the applicable existing housing fair market rents as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 888.115, applying the zero-bedroom level for one person, the one-bedroom level for 2 persons, the 2-bedroom level for 3 persons, the 3-bedroom level for 4 persons and the 4-bedroom level for 5 persons. For each additional person, the aggregate maximum level increases by \$75. For the purposes of this subsection, municipalities with populations greater than 10,000 are deemed Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas in those counties for which there are 2 fair market rent values and the aggregate maximum level of assistance for all Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas is the average of the fair market rental values for the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas and areas that are not Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas for each county in which there are 2 fair market rental values.

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases from 110% to 140% of the applicable existing housing fair market rents, as established by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, the maximum aggregate level of assistance in the municipal ordinance requirements of the general assistance program.