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House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hinman of Skowhegan.

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S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Liability of Relatives for Support of Kindred.**

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

**Sec. 1. State to have claim in certain cases.** Whenever application is made to any division of the department of health and welfare for any form of aid, the department may, upon being satisfied that the aid is needed and that the applicant has relatives living within the state who are legally liable for support of the applicant, in whole or in part, and of sufficient financial ability, but neglecting or refusing to meet this obligation, furnish whatever support it may deem necessary, and the state shall then have a claim against any or all of such relatives for the amount so furnished, which may be collected by the attorney-general.

**Sec. 2. Aid not to be considered as pauper relief.** Aid furnished under the provisions of this act shall not be considered as pauper relief, and the process of acquiring or losing a settlement in any city or town shall not be interrupted by reason of receiving such aid.