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H. P. 1596

House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Downs of Rome by request.

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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 Relative to Services to be Rendered to Cities and Towns by  
Able-bodied Paupers.**

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

**Persons receiving assistance to perform useful work.** Each person between the ages of 16 and 70 years of age who is receiving assistance from any town or from the state, shall perform an average of at least 6 hours useful work each day for 5 days a week, except upon certificate of the health officer of the city or town in which said person resides that such work will do serious physical injury to said person. The amount so earned by the person receiving assistance shall be paid by his employer to the treasurer of the city or town in which such person resides, and said money shall be used for support of the poor in the town which is receiving such assistance; except that in cases where a person receives assistance from the state, said money shall be paid to the treasurer of state for the benefit of the department of health and welfare.