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S. P. 394

In Senate, February 14, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Pensions and sent down for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Laughlin of Cumberland.

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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 Old Age Assistance.

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

**P. & S. L., 1937, c. 105, § 4, amended.** Section 4 of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of the 88th legislature is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 4. Requisites for assistance.** Old age assistance shall be granted only to an applicant who

- (a) Is 65 years of age or more;
- (b) Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health;
- (c) Has resided in the state for 5 or more years within the 9 years immediately preceding application for assistance and has resided therein continuously for 1 year immediately preceding the application;
- (d) Is not an inmate of and is not being maintained by any municipal, state, or national institution; but an inmate of such an institution may file application for assistance under this act, and any allowance made thereon shall take effect and be paid upon his ceasing to be an inmate of such institution;
- (e) Has no spouse able to support him;
- (f) Has no child or children able to support him;

- (g) Has no living child whose spouse is able to support him;
- (h) Has no grandchildren who are able to support him;
- (i) Has no brother or sister able to support him; and if it shall be that the relatives, as aforesaid, are not of sufficient ability wholly to maintain him, but are able to contribute something, they shall be called upon to pay a sum in proportion to their ability.'