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**Legislative Document**

**No. 973**

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S. P. 339

In Senate, February 22, 1939.

On motion by Senator Friend of Somerset referred to Committee on Taxation, Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Pensions jointly. Sent down for concurrence and 1000 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Wentworth of York.

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S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Providing for Contributions by Towns for Old Age Assistance.**

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

**P. & S. L., c. 105, Title II, § 3, amended.** Section 3 of Title II of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

‘All applications for assistance shall be made to the overseers of the poor or other officials having charge of poor relief in cities, towns and plantations in which the applicants reside and said officials shall make recommendations to the department on blanks provided by the department for that purpose as to whether or not the applicant is entitled to old age assistance and, if so, to what amount per month. Said officials in making their recommendations shall take into consideration the resources and income of the applicant, together with the ability of relatives legally responsible therefor to provide in whole or in part for the support of the applicant. The final investigation and approval of the application, together with the amount of assistance to be granted shall be made by the department. The state shall recover from the city, town or plantation in which the applicant has a settlement,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the amount granted for such assistance,

which amount shall be credited to the fund provided by the legislature for old age assistance. At the end of each month the department shall bill each city, town and plantation for its  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of assistance and burial expenses, as provided hereunder. Any amounts unpaid by any city, town or plantation for 3 months shall be termed delinquent. Whenever it appears that a city, town or plantation is delinquent in making reimbursement to the state, the amounts in arrears shall be collected in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as state taxes. Any balance due shall be assessed in the succeeding year in the same manner as other state taxes. The provisions for recovery of money under this section shall also apply in the same proportion to the amounts expended for burial expenses of recipients of old age assistance. For the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section the several cities, towns and plantations are authorized and empowered to appropriate such sums of money annually as may be required to meet all of the payments herein provided.'