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Legislative Document

No. 668

S. P. 361

In Senate, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 650 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Friend of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to the Liability of Relatives to Support Recipients of
Public Assistance.**

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

Sec. 1. Liability of relatives to support. The husband, wife, father, mother, grandparent, child or grandchild of a recipient of public assistance of any nature or of a person liable to become in need of such assistance shall, if of sufficient ability, be responsible for the support of such persons.

Sec. 2. Procedure. The department of health and welfare is authorized and empowered to bring proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to compel any person liable under the provisions of section 1 of this act for support to contribute to the support of any person who is receiving public assistance or is an applicant for public assistance. The court shall have power to determine what shall be a fair and reasonable amount for such support and maintenance to be paid by the party adjudged liable. The action may be brought in the same manner and form as that provided by sections 16 to 18, inclusive, of chapter 33 of the revised statutes.