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House of Representatives, March 12, 1943.

Reported by Mr. Osgood ought to pass new draft from Committee on Welfare. Tabled pending acceptance of report and new draft ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT to Abolish the Old Age Assistance Commission.

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

Sec. 1. Old age assistance commission, abolished. Section 5 of title II of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby repealed, and all the rights, powers and duties heretofore granted or incumbent on the members of the old age assistance commission shall be exercised and discharged by the commissioner of health and welfare or members of the department designated and authorized by him.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1937, c. 105, Title II, § 15, amended. Section 15 of title II of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 15. Right of appeal. Any person who is denied assistance or who is not satisfied with the amount of assistance allotted to him, or is aggrieved by a decision of the department made under any provision of this act, shall have the right of appeal to the ~~old age assistance commission provided for by section 5 of this title, and said commission shall provide the appellant with an opportunity for a fair hearing.~~ **Said commission shall hear all evidence pertinent to the matter at issue and render a decision**

within a reasonable period from the date of the hearing, commissioner of health and welfare, who shall provide the appellant with reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing. Said commissioner or a member of the department designated and authorized by him shall hear all evidence pertinent to the matter at issue and render a decision thereon within a reasonable period after the date of the hearing; provided, that when the evidence in the case is heard by a person other than the commissioner, the decision shall be rendered in the name of the commissioner.'