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Reported by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin from the Committee on Welfare and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules. CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Increasing the Maximum Payment in Aid to the Blind.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 279, amended. Section 279 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 279. Application for aid. Application for aid under the provisions of sections 275 to 293, inclusive, shall be made to the department. The application shall be in writing or reduced to writing in the manner and upon the form prescribed by the department. Such application shall contain a statement of the amount of property, both personal and real, in which the applicant has an interest and of all income which he may have at the time of the filing of the application, and such other information as may be required by the department.

An application shall not be considered unless accompanied by an individual sworn statement of inability to support the applicant made on the part of each accessible adult child or spouse of said applicant, and such statements shall include full information regarding individual income, assets and liabilities.' Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 285, amended. Section 285 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 251 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 285. Amount of aid. The amount of aid which any such person shall receive shall be determined on a budgetary basis with due regard to the conditions existing in each case and in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the department. This aid shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support of the recipient, to provide such person with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but not exceeding 40 \$45 per month. Provided that if, at any time, the maximum amount which the federal government will match is decreased from \$45, then the state maximum shall be decreased accordingly.'