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In Senate, April 25, 1947

Reported by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin from the Committee on Welfare and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Aid to Dependent Children.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 229-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 229-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 229-A. Duties of commissioner. Before granting aid under the provisions of sections 226 to 235, inclusive, the commissioner shall determine that the parent or other relative, with whom such child is living, is fit to bring up such child, that the other members of the household and the home surroundings are such as to make for good character and that it is advisable that such child continue living in such home, and that the granting of such aid is necessary. The commissioner shall make careful inquiry into the resources of the members of such household and their ability to work or otherwise contribute to the support of such child, the existence of relatives able to assist in supporting such child; shall take all lawful means to compel all persons liable under the provisions of section 271 thereof to support such child and to enforce any other legal rights for the benefit of such child; shall press all members of the household who are able to work, other than such parent or relative and such child, to

secure work; and shall secure all possible aid for such parent or relative and such child which can be secured from relatives or other individuals.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 230, amended. Section 230 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 230. Amount of aid. The department shall confer with the municipal board in deciding all matters in question. If, after said conference, the department decides that the applicant is entitled to aid, it shall then determine the character and amount. The amount of aid which shall be granted for any dependent child shall be determined with due regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the family and the conditions existing in each case and shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support available to the child, to provide such child with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but not exceeding \$40 per month for such dependent child, or, if there is more than one such child in one family, then not exceeding \$50 per month for the first such child, \$25 per month for the second such child and \$20 per month for each additional such child, plus such sums as may be necessary for extraordinary dental, surgical and medical expenses. Payments shall be made semi-monthly.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 302, amended. Section 302 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 302. Amount of aid. The department shall determine the character and amount of aid which shall be granted with due regard to the resources of the veteran and his dependents and the necessary expenditures and conditions existing in each case, and which shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support available, to provide such dependents with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but not exceeding \$40 per month for a dependent child, or, if there is more than one such child in one family, then not exceeding \$50 per month for the first such child, \$25 per month for the second such child and \$20 per month for each additional such child, plus such sums as may be necessary for extraordinary dental, surgical and medical expenses. Payments shall be made semi-monthly.'