

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 12, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Welfare. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Williams of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Increasing Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the social security act provides for federal grants to states for old age assistance and aid to the blind, and

Whereas, such federal grants have been increased provided the maximum aid to eligible persons given by the state is increased, and

Whereas, the failure of the state to enact legislation increasing maximum grants in old age assistance and aid to the blind would result in a loss of revenue from federal grants, and

Whereas, failure to enact legislation increasing the maximum grants will result in hardship and suffering to many deserving and desirable people in this state due to present high cost of living, and

Whereas, in the judgment of this legislature these facts constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety, now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 260, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 260 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 251 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Subject to the qualifications and restrictions contained in sections 256 to 274, inclusive, every person residing in this state shall be entitled to assistance in old age. The amount of assistance which any 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 assistance 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~~ \$50 per month.'

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~~ \$50 per month.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.