

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 28, 1949

Referred to the Committee on Welfare, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lackee of Addison.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to Aid to Dependent Children.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 228, repealed.** Section 228 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 229, amended.** Section 229 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 229. Application for aid.** Application for aid under the provisions of sections 226 to 235, inclusive, shall be made to the ~~municipal board~~ **department** on forms provided for this purpose by the department. Such applications shall be made by the ~~parent having custody of relative with whom the dependent child is living~~ **parent having custody of relative with whom the dependent child is living** and shall contain such information as may be required by the department. ~~The municipal board shall file promptly such application with its recommendation with the department, which shall then make such investigation of the case as may be necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant for the aid desired. If the municipal board should not perform the duties above required of it within a reasonable time, application may be made direct to the department.'~~

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 230, amended.** Section 230 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 370 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further 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 **on a budgetary basis in accordance with the rules and regulations of the department** 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 \$50 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.'