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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1551

House of Representatives, February 17, 1949.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gates of Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

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, § 227, amended. Section 227 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 227. Eligibility for aid to dependent children.** Aid shall be granted under the provisions of sections 226 to 235, inclusive, to any dependent child who is living in a suitable family home meeting the standards of care and health fixed by the laws of this state and the rules and regulations of the department thereunder. ~~No person receiving aid under the provisions of said sections shall be considered a pauper. During the period that a dependent child is receiving aid under the provisions of said sections, if such child is living with either its mother or its father, such mother or father shall not acquire or lose a settlement or be in the process of acquiring or losing a settlement.~~ The provisions of sections 226 to 235, inclusive, shall apply to any dependent child who has resided in the state for 1 year immediately preceding the application for such aid; or who was born within the state within 1 year immediately preceding the application, and whose mother has resided in the state 1 year immediately preceding the birth of the child.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 227-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 227-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 227-A. Recipients and relative with whom the child is living not to be pauperized. The receipt of aid to dependent children shall not pauperize the recipient or the relative with whom the child is living and the receipt of general relief by such recipient or relative with whom the child is living, made necessary by the presence of the child in the family, shall not be considered to be pauper support. General relief expenses incurred by any municipality or by the state in behalf of such recipient or relative with whom the child is living, made necessary by the presence of the child in the family, may be paid from funds made available for the relief of the poor, but shall in no other respect be treated as pauper expense. The town of settlement of the recipient, or the state in non-settled cases, shall reimburse the place of residence for such general relief in the same manner as is provided by sections 24 and 28 of chapter 82.'