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In Senate, January 14, 1953

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Dunham of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

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 the legislature these facts create 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 3rd sentence of section 260 of

chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'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 ~~\$50~~ \$55 per month.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 278-A, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 278-A of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 4 of chapter 44 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'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 ~~\$50~~ \$55 per month, except that ~~effective July 1, 1952~~ the first \$50 per month of earned income shall be disregarded in making a budget.'

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