

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 364

House of Representatives, February 4, 1953

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Hospital Aid.**

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

**R. S., c. 22, § 16-A, additional.** Chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 16-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 16-A. Responsible relatives defined; duty of hospitals. The spouse, parents and adult children, of sufficient ability, shall be responsible for the hospital bill of their kindred.**

**Hospitals shall make every reasonable attempt to arrange for payment by the responsible relatives or the person hospitalized before making application for hospital aid.**

**Hospitals making application for hospital aid must submit to the department such information as the department deems necessary concerning the financial condition of the responsible relatives and of the person hospitalized.'**