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H. P. 649

House of Representatives, February 20, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Babineau of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Defining Dependent Child in Aid to Dependent Children.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after July 1, 1957; and

Whereas, the Federal Government will match money paid for support of children as defined after July 1, 1957; 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 the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 25, § 234, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 234 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

I. The term "dependent child," wherever used in sections 234 to 246, inclusive, shall be construed to mean a needy child under the age of ~~16, or under the age of 18 if found by the state agency to be regularly attending school~~ who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from home or the physical or mental incapacity of a parent and who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother,

brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle ~~or~~, aunt, **first cousin, nephew or niece** in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall become effective on July 1, 1957.