

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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unintentional and a bona fide error, notwithstanding the maintenance of procedures reasonably adopted to avoid any such error.

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## CHAPTER 312

H.P. 795 - L.D. 1035

AN ACT to Clarify the Adoption  
Assistance Law.

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

19 MRSA §541, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c. 57, §1, is further amended to read:

The amount of adoption assistance may vary depending upon the resourees circumstances of the adoptive parents, the special needs of the child, as well as the availability of other resources, but may not exceed the total cost of caring for the child if the child were to remain in the care or custody of the Department of Human Services without regard to the source of the funds which would have been used to care for the child.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 313

H.P. 826 - L.D. 1084

AN ACT to Amend the Adult Protective  
Services Act.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3472, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 527, §2, is amended to read:

1. Abuse. "Abuse" means the willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation or cruel punishment with resulting physical harm or pain or mental anguish; sexual abuse or exploitation; or the willful deprivation of essential needs.