

**§3272. Standard**

**1. Standard.** The standard utilized to determine need shall be the current annual budget at the lower level of living for a retired couple as most recently determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for Portland, Maine, or budgets which are consistent with such a budget at the lower level of living, taking into account budget variances by marital status and living arrangements permitted pursuant to Title XVI and regulations promulgated thereunder.

[PL 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

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