

# **129th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

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S.P. 138

In Senate, January 29, 2019

Resolve, To Ensure the Health and Wellness of Older Residents of the State

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor. Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to seek waiver. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a request to the United States Department of Agriculture to waive the requirements for an asset test for determining the eligibility of any household under the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program when the household includes an individual who is 60 years of age or older.

Sec. 2. Home-delivered meals pilot project. Resolved: That, no later than 7 January 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit an 8 9 application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to request a demonstration waiver under the federal 10 11 Social Security Act, Section 1115 to develop a 2-year pilot project pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22-A, section 203, subsection 5 to provide home-delivered meals 12 to individuals who are 60 years of age or older and who are homebound or at risk for 13 14 readmission to a health care facility. The program under the waiver is limited to individuals being released from a health care facility at high risk of readmission and have 15 received a doctor's recommendation that medically tailored food and nutrition 16 interventions are necessary for the patient's health. Patients being offered medically 17 tailored food and nutrition interventions may receive one meal per day for up to 14 days. 18 The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report no later than July 1, 19 2022 on the results of the pilot project, including, but not limited to, the number of 20 individuals served by the pilot project; the number of home-delivered meals provided; 21 health care facility readmission rates of those served; and recommendations for 22 continuing the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having 23 jurisdiction over health and human services matters at the conclusion of the pilot project. 24

25 Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following 26 appropriations and allocations are made.

### 27 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

28 Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

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Initiative: Provides funds for reimbursement for 2 weeks of medically tailored food and
nutrition interventions for certain individuals at high risk of readmission to a health care
facility.

32 33 34	GENERAL FUND All Other	<b>2019-20</b> \$20,365	<b>2020-21</b> \$27,153
34 35	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,365	\$27,153
36	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2019-20	2020-21
37 38	All Other	\$36,744	\$48,992

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2 Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140

3 Initiative: Provides funding to eliminate the waiting list for home-delivered meals to 4 homebound individuals who are over 60 years of age who cannot prepare meals and do 5 not have others available to prepare meals for them.

6	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
7	All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
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9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000
10	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
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12	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
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14	GENERAL FUND	\$520,365	\$527,153
15	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$36,744	\$48,992
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17	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	\$557,109	\$576,145

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### SUMMARY

19 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to request the United States Department of Agriculture to waive the asset test for determining the eligibility for 20 the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program of any household in which there is 21 an individual who is 60 years of age or older. It also directs the department to develop a 22 pilot project to provide home-delivered meals to individuals who are 60 years of age or 23 24 older and who are homebound or at risk for readmission to a health care facility. It requires the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature 25 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters at the conclusion of the pilot 26 project. The bill also provides funding to eliminate the waiting list for home-delivered 27 28 meals to homebound individuals who are over 60 years of age who cannot prepare meals and do not have others available to prepare meals for them. 29