

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

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Legislative Document

No. 472

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H.P. 357

House of Representatives, January 29, 2019

### **An Act To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MATLACK of St. George.  
Cosponsored by Representative DENNO of Cumberland, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and  
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, FAY of Raymond, MASTRACCIO of  
Sanford, SHEATS of Auburn, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Work group established.** The office of aging and disability services  
3 within the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a work group to  
4 research food access barriers, both regionally and statewide, and make recommendations  
5 about how to leverage resources to ensure regular, adequate nutrition for homebound  
6 individuals in the State and to forecast future demand and identify the appropriate level of  
7 funding in the future. The office shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health  
8 and Human Services by November 1, 2019. The joint standing committee may report out  
9 a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the report.

10 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
11 allocations are made.

12 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
13 **Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

14 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to provide meals to homebound individuals and to  
15 leverage all federal funds available.

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17	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
18	All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
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20	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill provides for the appropriation of funding to provide meals to homebound  
23 individuals. This bill also establishes a work group to research food access barriers and  
24 make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services  
25 about how to leverage resources to ensure regular, adequate nutrition for homebound  
26 individuals in the State and to forecast future demand and identify the appropriate level of  
27 funding in the future.