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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 817

S.P. 308

In Senate, February 26, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland

Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Representative LARRIVEE of Gorham and Representative MELENDY of Rockland.

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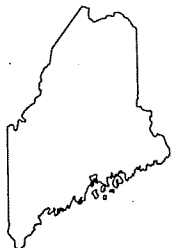
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Expedite Repairs of Equipment Needed by Supplemental  
Security Income Recipients.**

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

22 MRSA §3174-K is enacted to read:

§3174-K. Repair of equipment

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Equipment" means any piece of equipment that may be purchased, leased or repaired with Medicaid funds and that is needed by a person with a disability. "Equipment" includes, but is not limited to, wheelchairs and hearing aids.

B. "Extraordinary expense" means a repair charge that is significantly higher than the usual and customary charge for that repair.

2. Prior approval may not be required. The department may not require recipients of federal supplemental security income benefits to obtain prior approval for Medicaid reimbursement of repairs to equipment if the repairs are needed for proper functioning of the equipment and if the repairs are expected to be completed without extraordinary expense.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Presently, prior approval is required for any Medicaid-funded repair of equipment that costs more than \$100. The bill eliminates this prior approval requirement for recipients of federal supplemental security income benefits.