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## 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

### FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 394

S.P. 115

In Senate, January 23, 1997

An Act to Preserve Senior Volunteerism.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden and
Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, KIEFFER of Aroostook, PARADIS of Aroostook, RAND
of Cumberland, Representatives: GERRY of Auburn, PENDLETON of Scarborough, SAXL
of Portland, VIGUE of Winslow.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follow	Be	it	enacted	by	the	People	of the	State	of	Maine	as	follov
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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §12-C is enacted to read:

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### §12-C. Senior volunteer programs

For fiscal year 1997-98 and subsequent years, the commissioner shall distribute all funds available for senior volunteer programs within the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services to the community-based agencies that received funding from the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services during fiscal year 1995-96, based on the distribution methodology that was utilized to determine each agency's fiscal year 1995-96 allocation. The amount distributed in any fiscal year may not be less than the amount distributed during fiscal year 1995-96. Subject to the requirements of this section, the commissioner may impose other requirements or conditions on the use of senior volunteer program funds necessary to ensure that the services provided are consistent with department goals, policies and rules.

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#### **SUMMARY**

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This bill requires the Department of Human Services to fund community-based senior volunteer programs that received funding from the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services during fiscal year 1995-96 at an amount at least equal to each agency's fiscal year 1995-96 allocation.