

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

---

Legislative Document

No. 237

S.P. 98

In Senate, January 11, 1999

---

### An Act to Enhance Senior Volunteerism in Maine.

---

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services 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 PENDLETON of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco and  
Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, LAWRENCE of York, MURRAY of Penobscot,  
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, DESMOND of Mapleton, JOY of Crystal,  
QUINT of Portland, USHER of Westbrook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5106, sub-§11-D is enacted to read:**

6 11-D. Senior volunteer program. Support and maintain  
8 senior volunteer programs by agreement with community-based  
10 agencies. For fiscal year 1999-00 and subsequent years, funding  
12 available for senior volunteer programs must be distributed  
14 equally among the agencies that received funding during fiscal  
16 year 1997-98, or their successor organizations. The  
18 community-based agencies include: Aroostook Area Agency on  
20 Aging, Coastal Community Action Program, Healthreach Network,  
22 Penquis Community Action Program, People's Regional Opportunity  
24 Program, Southern Maine Agency on Aging, United Way of Eastern  
26 Maine and the University of Maine System or any successor  
organization of any of these agencies. Each agency must receive  
at least \$15,000 annually to support senior volunteer programs;

#### SUMMARY

22 This bill requires the Department of Human Services to  
24 provide a minimum of \$15,000 annually to each of the 8  
26 community-based senior volunteer programs that received funding  
during fiscal year 1997-98. It also requires that available  
funding be distributed equally among the programs.