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House of Representatives, February 20, 2007

**An Act To Provide Supplemental Funding for Mileage
Reimbursement for Volunteers for Meals on Wheels Programs**

(EMERGENCY)

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 16, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield.
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and
Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CONNOR of Kennebunk, FINLEY of
Skowhegan, GROSE of Woolwich, LEWIN of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, WALCOTT of
Lewiston, WALKER of Lincolnville.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** motor fuel prices have risen dramatically over the past year; and

4 **Whereas,** meals on wheels programs rely on volunteer drivers to deliver food to
5 participants; and

6 **Whereas,** it is necessary to reimburse the volunteer drivers for mileage to ensure the
7 continued viability of the meals on wheels programs; and

8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
11 therefore,

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

13 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
14 allocations are made.

15 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

16 **Elder and Adult Services, Bureau of**

17 Initiative: Provides funds to reimburse volunteers for meals on wheels programs for
18 increased travel expenses resulting from increased motor fuel costs.

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20 GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
21 All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
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23 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
25 legislation takes effect when approved.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill appropriates funds to reimburse volunteers for meals on wheels programs
28 for increased travel expenses resulting from increased motor fuel costs.