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**An Act To Ensure Timely Expenditure of Federal Funds in the
Department of Health and Human Services**

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

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PARKER of South Berwick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22-A MRSA §211**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. N, §50, is amended
3 to read:

4 **§211. Federal funds and commodities**

5 The commissioner, with the consent and approval of the Governor, is authorized and
6 empowered to accept any allotments of federal funds and commodities, to manage and
7 dispose of the same in whatever manner required by federal law and to put into effect the
8 United States Social Security Act and any amendments of that act and of other federal
9 acts relating to public welfare. The department shall expend federal funds within one
10 year of receiving those funds except when the time frame for expenditure is specified
11 otherwise by federal law or by the federal agency or as a requirement of the award.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to spend federal
14 funds within one year of receiving those funds except when the time frame for
15 expenditure is specified otherwise by the Federal Government.