

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

128TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 480, L.D. 689, Bill, "An Act To Confer Categorical Eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefit Applications"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§13-A is enacted to read:

13-A. Broad-based categorical eligibility for the elderly and disabled. The department shall confer broad-based categorical eligibility for food supplement benefits, without regard to a household's assets, for households not included in subsection 13 that have an elderly or disabled member and gross income equal to or below 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty level as provided for in 7 United States Code, Section 2014. For the purposes of this subsection, "elderly or disabled member" has the same meaning as in the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 United States Code, Section 2012(j).

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Food Supplement Administration Z019

Initiative: Provides an appropriation and allocation for development and testing related to technology changes to the Automated Client Eligibility System.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$16,707	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$16,707</u>	<u>\$0</u>

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
2	All Other	\$16,708	\$0
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4	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$16,708</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. It provides for broad-based categorical eligibility for food supplement benefits for households that have an elderly or disabled member. It provides that the eligibility for such a household is not subject to an asset test and is based only on the gross income of the household.

This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 689

LR 417(02)

## An Act To Confer Categorical Eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefit Applications

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

*A(H-398)*

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$16,707	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$16,707	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$16,708	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$16,707 in fiscal year 2017-18 for development and testing related to technology changes to the Automated Client Eligibility System. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the Federal match.

Additionally, there could be a potential increase to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program administrative costs for increased electronic benefit transactions. This amount would likely be minor and can be absorbed within the existing budget.