

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 543

House of Representatives, March 2, 2017

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**An Act To Support Individuals with Disabilities by Exempting  
Certain Wages from Consideration for MaineCare**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative NADEAU of Winslow.  
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, DOORE of Augusta, FARNSWORTH of Portland,  
HARVELL of Farmington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALABY of Hancock, RECKITT of  
South Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-ZZ** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-ZZ. Income from certain employment activities in determination of eligibility**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the department may not include  
5 income received from the following sources in determining a person's eligibility for  
6 MaineCare:

7 **1. Work support services.** Income received by a person with a disability from  
8 employment if the employment when undertaken by a person with a disability is eligible  
9 for support services under the MaineCare program. For purposes of this subsection,  
10 "disability" means an intellectual or developmental disability, autism spectrum disorder,  
11 brain injury, cerebral palsy, seizure disorder or other related condition that qualifies the  
12 person for services under a MaineCare waiver program; and

13 **2. Vocational rehabilitation.** Income received by a person from the person's  
14 participation in a vocational rehabilitation program provided pursuant to Title 26, chapter  
15 19, subchapter 2.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill exempts income received by a person with a disability from certain work  
18 programs available to individuals with disabilities from being considered in determining  
19 the person's eligibility for MaineCare.