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House of Representatives, March 7, 2017

An Act To Encourage Living Kidney Donation in Maine

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative VACHON of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and
Representatives: CHACE of Durham, DENNO of Cumberland, HYMANSON of York,
JORGENSEN of Portland, MALABY of Hancock, NADEAU of Winslow, PERRY of Calais,
SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §264** is enacted to read:

3 **§264. Living kidney donor grant program**

4 The department shall establish a grant program to encourage living kidney donation
5 by removing financial barriers for living kidney donors. The program must make grants
6 available to living kidney donors to cover lost wages and unreimbursed travel, lodging
7 and medical expenses of the donor associated with the kidney donation. A living kidney
8 donor may be awarded a grant under this section of not more than \$5,000. For purposes
9 of this section, "living kidney donor" means an individual who is not deceased from
10 whom a kidney is removed for transplant to another individual.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a grant
13 program to encourage living kidney donation.