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House of Representatives, April 4, 2017

An Act To Increase Workforce Participation in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and Other Assistance Programs

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 MADIGAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, DENNO of Cumberland, FARNSWORTH of
Portland, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PERRY of Calais,
SYLVESTER of Portland, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 1055-B** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 1055-B**

4 **EMPLOYMENT-RELATED TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR**
5 **FAMILIES**

6 **§3831. Employment-related transportation assistance program**

7 **1. Program established.** The department shall administer a program to provide
8 employment-related transportation assistance to families receiving benefits under the
9 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program under chapter 1053-B or the food
10 supplement program under section 3104 that need a motor vehicle for employment
11 purposes.

12 **2. Uses of assistance.** The department may provide financial assistance under this
13 section for motor vehicle repairs, registration and inspection.

14 **3. Funding.** The program under this section must be supported with federal block
15 grant funds provided under the United States Social Security Act, Title IV, Part A.

16 **4. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section,
17 including, but not limited to, rules relating to proof of employment, proof of an
18 employment-related need for a motor vehicle, household income requirements and
19 verification of motor vehicle repairs, registration and inspection. Rules adopted pursuant
20 to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
21 2-A.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to administer a
24 program to provide financial assistance to families receiving Temporary Assistance for
25 Needy Families benefits or statewide food supplement program benefits for motor vehicle
26 repairs, registration and inspection when the motor vehicle is needed for employment
27 purposes. Under the bill, the program must be supported with federal block grant funding
28 under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.