

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 15, 2019

### **An Act To Enhance the Senior Volunteer Benefit Program**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco.  
Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York and  
Representatives: MAREAN of Hollis, O'NEIL of Saco.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6232, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 635, §2, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **1-A. Volunteer program.** A municipality may by ordinance adopt a program that  
5 permits claimants who are at least 60 years of age to earn benefits up to a maximum of  
6 \$750 \$1,000 or 100 times the state minimum hourly wage under Title 26, section 664,  
7 subsection 1, whichever is greater, by volunteering to provide services to the  
8 municipality. A program adopted under this subsection does not need to meet the  
9 requirements of subsection 1, paragraph B or C. Benefits provided under this subsection  
10 must be related to the amount of volunteer service provided. Benefits received under this  
11 subsection may not be considered income for purposes of Part 8. A municipality may by  
12 ordinance establish procedures and additional standards of eligibility for a program  
13 adopted under this subsection.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill increases the maximum benefit that a municipality may provide under a  
16 senior volunteer benefit program from \$750 to the greater of \$1,000 and 100 times the  
17 state minimum hourly wage.