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House of Representatives, March 7, 2019

An Act To Provide Additional Food Supplement Assistance for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities

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

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

R(+ B. Hunt

Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§17 is enacted to read:
3	17. Elderly or disabled recipient minimum benefit. If a household includes an
4	elderly or disabled member and receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than
5	\$30 per month under the statewide food supplement program administered pursuant to
6	this section, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to \$30 per
7	month. For the purposes of this subsection, "elderly or disabled member" has the same
8	meaning as in the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 United States Code, Section
9	<u>2012(j).</u>
10	SUMMARY
11	This bill requires the State to ensure that a household that includes a member who is
12	elderly or disabled and that receives a federally funded benefit under the statewide food
13	supplement program receives a minimum benefit of \$30 per month by providing a
14	supplemental benefit if necessary.