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## 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 3, 2024

**An Act to Allow Equitable Compensation of Certain Board Members** 

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203. Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DHALAC of South Portland.

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12002-D,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 732, §1, is amended to read:

## §12002-D. Expenses Compensation and expenses of boards excluded by definition boards

Sections 12002-A, 12002-B and 12002-C governing the payment of compensation and reimbursement of expenses to boards subject to this chapter do not apply to boards that are excluded from this chapter, as <u>defined described</u> in section 12002, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F <u>G</u>. Reimbursement <u>Compensation and reimbursement</u> of expenses of boards excluded by <u>the definition in section 12002</u>, subsection 1, <u>shall be are governed by this section</u>.

Any boards The members of a board excluded from the definition of a board subject to this chapter may be compensated for their time and reimbursed for expenses, including meals and refreshments provided during the meeting of the board, to the extent that the department or agency of State Government with which the board is associated has sufficient money in the budget of the department or agency to provide the compensation and reimburse the expenses. The associated department or agency shall determine the amount and manner of compensation provided to members of the board.

18 SUMMARY

This bill allows members of boards and commissions currently excluded from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 379 to be compensated for their time. Current law allows such boards and commissions to be reimbursed for expenses. Compensation is determined by the department or agency associated with the board or commission and is contingent on the associated department or agency having sufficient funds.