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House of Representatives, January 31, 2017

**An Act To Provide Additional Assistance for the Elderly and
Persons with Disabilities Receiving Food Supplement Program
Benefits**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt", is positioned above the printed name of the Clerk.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, GATTINE of Westbrook, JORGENSEN of
Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais, TEPLER
of Topsham, Senator: MILLETT of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Elderly or disabled recipient minimum benefit. If a household includes a member who is an elderly or disabled member and receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$30 per month under the statewide food supplement program administered pursuant to this section, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to \$30 per month. For the purposes of this subsection, "elderly or disabled member" has the same meaning as in the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 United States Code, Section 2012(j).

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State to ensure that a household that includes a member who is elderly or disabled and that receives a federally funded benefit under the statewide food supplement program receives a minimum benefit of \$30 per month by providing a supplemental benefit if necessary.