

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 840****LR 1495(02)****An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Removing Marriage Disincentives****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$36,828	\$36,828	\$36,828	\$36,828
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$36,828	\$36,828	\$36,828	\$36,828

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes ongoing annual General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$36,828 beginning in fiscal year fiscal year 2025-26 to provide that the state supplemental income benefit paid to a couple, both of whom receive the supplement, is equal to the sum of the benefit amount for each individual in the couple. Under current law, the benefit for a couple is equal to 150% of the benefit for an individual.