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H.P. 196

House of Representatives, January 31, 2017

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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.