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H.P. 1029

House of Representatives, April 11, 2023

**An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition  
Assistance Program to Temporarily Restore Benefits Being Reduced  
by the Federal Government**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.  
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of  
Old Orchard Beach, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, PLUECKER of Warren,  
Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.



1 Program, or SNAP. These emergency benefit allotments are scheduled to expire March 1,  
2 2023.

3 This bill extends for 6 months, but on a decreasing basis, the amount of benefits  
4 available under SNAP by providing General Fund funds to provide the following level of  
5 benefits:

- 6 1. In March 2023, 100% of the federal emergency benefit allotment;
  - 7 2. In April 2023, 75% of the federal emergency benefit allotment;
  - 8 3. In May 2023, 50% of the federal emergency benefit allotment; and
  - 9 4. From June through August 2023, 25% of the federal emergency benefit allotment.
- 10 Beginning in September 2023, an additional amount is not provided.