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H.P. 357

House of Representatives, January 29, 2019

An Act To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MATLACK of St. George.
Cosponsored by Representative DENNO of Cumberland, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, FAY of Raymond, MASTRACCIO of
Sanford, SHEATS of Auburn, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Work group established.** The office of aging and disability services
3 within the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a work group to
4 research food access barriers, both regionally and statewide, and make recommendations
5 about how to leverage resources to ensure regular, adequate nutrition for homebound
6 individuals in the State and to forecast future demand and identify the appropriate level of
7 funding in the future. The office shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health
8 and Human Services by November 1, 2019. The joint standing committee may report out
9 a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the report.

10 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
11 allocations are made.

12 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
13 **Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

14 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to provide meals to homebound individuals and to
15 leverage all federal funds available.

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17	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
18	All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
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20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill provides for the appropriation of funding to provide meals to homebound
23 individuals. This bill also establishes a work group to research food access barriers and
24 make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
25 about how to leverage resources to ensure regular, adequate nutrition for homebound
26 individuals in the State and to forecast future demand and identify the appropriate level of
27 funding in the future.