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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 396, L.D. 539, “Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Nursing Facilities'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend rule Chapter 332: MaineCare Eligibility Manual to increase the personal needs allowance for persons residing in nursing facilities. The rules must provide for an increase in the personal needs allowance from \$40 per month to \$50 per month. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Nursing Facilities 0148**

Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds to increase the personal needs allowances of residents in nursing facilities from \$40 to \$50.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$97,002	\$194,003
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$97,002	\$194,003
2	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2019-20	2020-21
3	All Other	\$170,958	\$341,917
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5	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$170,958</u>	<u>\$341,917</u>
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7 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
8 section number to read consecutively.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment increases the personal needs allowance for residents of nursing
11 facilities to \$50 rather than the \$70 required in the resolve. It removes the section of the
12 resolve that increases the personal needs allowance for residents of residential care
13 facilities. The amendment also specifies the rule chapter of the Department of Health and
14 Human Services that is changed, changes the title of the resolve and adds an
15 appropriations and allocations section.

16 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

17 **(See attached)**