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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 384, L.D. 1097, Bill, “An Act To Improve the Integrity of Maine's Welfare Programs”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Hampshire;" the following: 'or'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 1, lines 7 to 9 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "C. To" and inserting the following: 'B. To'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Office of the Attorney General to hire fraud prosecutor. By January 1, 2017, the Office of the Attorney General shall hire one additional assistant attorney general to prosecute fraud, including the fraudulent use of public assistance benefits.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)
Food Supplement Administration Z019**

Initiative: Provides funds for technology updates required to limit use of EBT cards outside of the State.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$108,215
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$108,215

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$0	\$108,215
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4	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$108,215</u>

5 **State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income 0131**

6 Initiative: Provides funds for technology updates required to limit use of EBT cards
7 outside of the State.

8	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
9	All Other	\$0	\$50,890
10			
11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,890</u>

12 **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138**

13 Initiative: Provides funds for technology updates required to limit use of EBT cards
14 outside of the State.

15	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2015-16	2016-17
16	All Other	\$0	\$7,680
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18	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$7,680</u>

19	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
20	DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
21	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
22			
23	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$159,105
24	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$108,215
25	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	\$7,680
26			
27	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$275,000</u>

28 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
29 allocations are made.

30 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

31 **Human Services Division 0696**

32 Initiative: Provides funds for one Assistant Attorney General position to prosecute the
33 fraudulent use of public assistance.

1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
3	Personal Services	\$0	\$56,764
4	All Other	\$0	\$6,605
5			
6	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$63,369
7	ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
8	THE		
9	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$63,369
12			
13	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$63,369
14	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
15	Division of Audit Z157		
16	Initiative: Provides funding for increased legal services.		
17	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
18	All Other	\$0	\$31,685
19			
20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$31,685
21	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
22	All Other	\$0	\$32,707
23			
24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$32,707
25	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
26	DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
27	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
28			
29	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$31,685
30	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$32,707
31			
32	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$64,392

1	SECTION TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
2			
3	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$31,685
4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$96,076
5			
6	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$127,761
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8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes from the
10 bill the restriction on the withdrawal of cash from the electronic benefits transfer system
11 account of a recipient of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits. It
12 also requires the Office of the Attorney General to hire an additional assistant attorney
13 general to prosecute fraud, replacing the provision in the bill that provides for the hiring
14 of fraud investigators in the Department of Health and Human Services.

15 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

16 **(See attached)**