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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 538, L.D. 727, “Resolve, To Ensure the Health and Wellness of Older Residents of the State”

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

**'Resolve, To Eliminate the Asset Test for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate asset test. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule 10-144, Chapter 301: Food Supplement Program, to eliminate asset tests for all applicants to and recipients of assistance under the food supplement program, also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. 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  
Office for Family Independence Z020**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for required technology changes.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$6,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/> \$6,000	<hr/> \$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$6,000	\$0
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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$6,000 \$0

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3 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
4 section number to read consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the resolve. It removes the section of the resolve related to the home-delivered meals pilot project. It removes the requirement to request permission from the United States Department of Agriculture to waive requirements for an asset test to determine eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, as federal permission is not necessary. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, by January 1, 2022, to amend its rules to remove asset tests for applicants to and recipients of assistance under the food supplement program, also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

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This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**