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# An Act To Provide Supplemental Funding for Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteers for Meals on Wheels Programs

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, motor fuel prices have risen dramatically over the past year; and

Whereas, meals on wheels programs rely on volunteer drivers to deliver food to participants; and

Whereas, it is necessary to reimburse the volunteer drivers for mileage to ensure the continued viability of the meals on wheels programs; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

#### Elder and Adult Services, Bureau of

Initiative: Provides funds to reimburse volunteers for meals on wheels programs for increased travel expenses resulting from increased motor fuel costs.

GENERAL FUND	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

## SUMMARY

This bill appropriates funds to reimburse volunteers for meals on wheels programs for increased travel expenses resulting from increased motor fuel costs.