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## An Act To Enhance the Senior Volunteer Benefit Program

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco. Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York and Representatives: MAREAN of Hollis, O'NEIL of Saco.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6232, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 635, §2, is
 amended to read:

4 1-A. Volunteer program. A municipality may by ordinance adopt a program that permits claimants who are at least 60 years of age to earn benefits up to a maximum of 5 \$750 \$1,000 or 100 times the state minimum hourly wage under Title 26, section 664, 6 subsection 1, whichever is greater, by volunteering to provide services to the 7 municipality. A program adopted under this subsection does not need to meet the 8 requirements of subsection 1, paragraph B or C. Benefits provided under this subsection 9 must be related to the amount of volunteer service provided. Benefits received under this 10 subsection may not be considered income for purposes of Part 8. A municipality may by 11 ordinance establish procedures and additional standards of eligibility for a program 12 adopted under this subsection. 13

- SUMMARY
  This bill increases the maximum benefit that a municipality may provide under a senior volunteer benefit program from \$750 to the greater of \$1,000 and 100 times the
  - 17 state minimum hourly wage.