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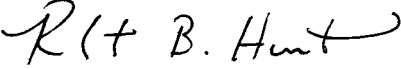
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House of Representatives, January 3, 2024

An Act to Allow Equitable Compensation of Certain Board Members

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DHALAC of South Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12002-D**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 732, §1, is amended to read:

3 **§12002-D. Expenses Compensation and expenses of boards excluded by definition**
4 **boards**

5 Sections 12002-A, 12002-B and 12002-C governing the payment of compensation and
6 reimbursement of expenses to boards subject to this chapter do not apply to boards that are
7 excluded from this chapter, as ~~defined~~ described in section 12002, subsection 1, paragraphs
8 A to F G. Reimbursement Compensation and reimbursement of expenses of boards
9 excluded by ~~the definition in~~ section 12002, subsection 1, ~~shall be~~ are governed by this
10 section.

11 ~~Any boards~~ The members of a board excluded from ~~the definition of a board~~ subject to
12 this chapter may be compensated for their time and reimbursed for expenses, including
13 meals and refreshments provided during the meeting of the board, to the extent that the
14 department or agency of State Government with which the board is associated has sufficient
15 money in the budget of the department or agency to provide the compensation and
16 reimburse the expenses. The associated department or agency shall determine the amount
17 and manner of compensation provided to members of the board.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill allows members of boards and commissions currently excluded from the
20 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 379 to be compensated for their time. Current law
21 allows such boards and commissions to be reimbursed for expenses. Compensation is
22 determined by the department or agency associated with the board or commission and is
23 contingent on the associated department or agency having sufficient funds.