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Resolve, to Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits Under MaineCare

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Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell. Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DEBRITO of Waterville, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MCCABE of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Cumberland, MONTELL of Gardiner.

1 Sec. 1. Pilot project. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human 2 Services shall establish a pilot project lasting 18 months that allows individuals currently 3 receiving services under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 4 19, Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities, to receive 5 up to \$2,000 each in nonmedical transportation services that are specified in the individual's service plan when the individual has no other means of transportation, in addition to 6 7 currently permissible medical transportation. The department shall provide written notice 8 to these recipients regarding the availability of the pilot project. The department shall 9 submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with an 10 evaluation of the costs and effectiveness of the pilot project and an assessment regarding its long-term viability no later than December 3, 2025. The committee may report out 11 12 legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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## **SUMMARY**

14 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a pilot 15 project lasting 18 months that provides nonmedical transportation services to individuals 16 receiving services pursuant to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 19, Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities, in 17 18 an amount up to \$2,000, in addition to currently permissible medical transportation 19 services. The department is required to submit a report regarding the costs, effectiveness 20 and future viability of the pilot project to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and 21 Human Services no later than December 3, 2025.