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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$185,000 TO THE DIVISION OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS  
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO FUND ELDER RESPITE SERVICES**

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Seveney, Ciccone, Lombardo, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: Senate Finance

1           WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-66-4 provides for the Division of  
2 Elderly Affairs in the Department of Human Services to provide for an elder caregiver respite  
3 program to include home health/homemaker care, adult day services, assisted living, and nursing  
4 facility care; and

5           WHEREAS, Use of respite services by unpaid family caregivers of dependent older  
6 adults provides a “break” from the stresses of caregiving and can delay or avoid costly nursing  
7 home care; and

8           WHEREAS, State funds to subsidize elder respite services for family caregivers has been  
9 reduced while demand for such family support services has increased as the state’s older  
10 population grows and families strive to keep loved ones at home; now, therefore be it

11           RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
12 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2019-2020, the sum of one hundred and eighty five  
13 thousand dollars (\$185,000), in addition to the funds appropriated in fiscal year 2019-2020  
14 budget, to the Division of Elderly Affairs in the Department of Human Services to assist family  
15 caregivers in maintaining dependent elders at home; and the state controller is hereby authorized  
16 and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum upon  
17 receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$185,000 to the Division
- 2 of Elderly Affairs in the Department of Human Services.

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