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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-742)
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to H.P. 1589, L.D. 1691, Bill, "AN ACT Providing Funds for Emergency Home Heating Assistance for Certain Elderly and Low-Income Households and for the Winterization, Citizens' Assistance and Housing Rehabilitation Technician Programs and Correcting an Error in the Energy Inventory Reporting Law."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Appropriate Funds from the General Fund to the General Assistance Program for Home Heating Crisis Assistance.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Distribution of funds. The Department of Human Services shall distribute the funds appropriated in section 2 among all of the municipalities of the State on the basis of that part of the population that falls below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines. The municipalities shall use the funds for general assistance, and no other purpose.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

All Other

\$2,000,000

To be distributed to municipalities for the general assistance program, and distributed according to population that is designated 100% below the federal poverty guidelines.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the bill to an appropriation for the municipal general assistance program. The funds are to be distributed by the Department of Human Services on the basis of that part of the municipal population that falls below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines.