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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 137, L.D. 369, Bill, "An Act To Align Municipal General Assistance Programs with the Immigration Status Policies of the Department of Health and Human Services"

Amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, lines 19 to 26 in amendment) and inserting the following:

3. Eligible person. "Eligible person" means a person who is qualified to receive general assistance from a municipality according to standards of eligibility determined by the municipal officers whether or not that person has applied for general assistance. "Eligible person" does not include a person who is a fugitive from justice as defined in Title 15, section 201, subsection 4. In accordance with 8 United States Code, Section 1621(d), an "eligible person" includes a person who is lawfully present in the United States and who has expressed an intention to apply for United States citizenship.'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4309, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Durational limit on benefits. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an eligible person may not receive general assistance benefits for more than 5 years.'

SUMMARY

This amendment allows a person who is lawfully present in the United States to qualify for general assistance as long as that person has expressed an intention to become a United States citizen. This amendment also places a 5-year limit on general assistance benefits for all eligible persons.

SPONSORED BY: Amy F Volk

(Senator VOLK)

COUNTY: Cumberland



Approved: 06/16/15 *MCC*

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An Act To Align Municipal General Assistance Programs with the Immigration Status Policies of the
Department of Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment 'B' to Committee Amendment "A" (S-293)

Sponsor: Sen. Volk of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will put a 5-year limit on general assistance benefits. This change may create some savings, but due to the transitory nature of the program any savings are expected to be minor.