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## An Act To Confer Categorical Eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefit Applications

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative HAMANN of South Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, DEVIN of Newcastle, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, PARKER of South Berwick, PIERCE of Falmouth.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§13-A is enacted to read:

13-A. Categorical eligibility. The department shall confer broad-based categorical
 eligibility for food supplement benefits to a household with gross income equal to or
 below 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty level as provided for in 7 United
 States Code, Section 2014.

7 SUMMARY
8 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to consider a household with a gross income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level eligible for food supplement benefits.