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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 131, L.D. 209, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part X the following:

'PART Y

Sec. Y-1. 22 MRSA §4308, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. R, §2, is amended to read:

1-A. Limit on housing assistance. Except as provided in ~~subsections~~ subsection 1-B and 2, housing assistance provided pursuant to this chapter is limited to a maximum of 9 3 months ~~during the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013~~ in a 12-month period per household, except for temporary housing and emergency shelters, as defined by the department by rule.

Sec. Y-2. 22 MRSA §4308, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. II, §1, is further amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

A municipality may not exceed maximum levels of assistance established pursuant to section 4305 for an applicant household for more than 30 days in a 12-month period ~~when assistance is granted for housing in a hotel, motel, inn or other lodging place as defined in section 2491, subsection 7-F.~~

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment limits housing assistance under the municipal general assistance program, except for temporary housing and emergency shelters, to a maximum of 3 months in a 12-month period per household. It also prohibits municipalities from exceeding the

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1 maximum levels of assistance for all assistance categories for more than 30 days in a 12-
2 month period per household.

3 SPONSORED BY: _____

4 (Senator STEWART, T.)

5 COUNTY: Aroostook

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT



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Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-S)

Sponsor: Sen. Stewart of Aroostook

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment limits housing assistance under the general assistance program to a maximum of 3 months in a 12-month period, except for temporary housing and emergency shelters. This limit could reduce the amount of general assistance expended on housing assistance. A more precise estimate of the fiscal impact is not possible because recipient data related to number of months on assistance, amounts paid to each recipient, and what type of assistance was received resides at the municipal level and varies over time.