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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 377,
L.D. 609, "An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain
Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part TT the following:

PART UU

Sec. UU-1. 22 MRSA §4309, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 840, §4, is
repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Eligibility of applicant; duration; exceptions. The overseer shall determine
eligibility each time a person applies or reapplies for general assistance pursuant to this
chapter and the ordinance adopted by the municipality in accordance with section 4305.

A. The period of eligibility may not exceed one month. At the expiration of each one-
month period the person may reapply for assistance and the person's eligibility may be
redetermined.

B. Eligibility may not exceed 3 months total in a 24-month period. The provisions of
this paragraph do not apply if the person is, for at least 20 hours each week, employed,
enrolled in and attending an educational institution, as defined in Title 26, section 1043,
subsection 29, or performing volunteer work.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment limits the duration of eligibility for municipal general assistance to
no more than 3 months in a 24-month period, unless the person, for at least 20 hours per
week, is employed, enrolled in and attending an educational institution or engaged in
volunteer work.

SPONSORED BY: 

(Representative CHARMAN, Q.)

TOWN: Auburn

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

HOUSE AMENDMENT



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 609

LR 1775(16)

**An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of Law
Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government**

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-18)

Sponsor: Rep. Chapman of Auburn

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost decrease - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment limits assistance under the general assistance program to a maximum of 3 months in a 24-month period, except for persons who are employed, in school or performing volunteer work for at least 20 hours per week. A precise estimate of the fiscal impact is not possible because recipient data related to the number of months of assistance received and the amounts paid to each recipient resides at the municipal level and varies over time.