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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 469, L. D. 617, Bill, "AN ACT to Improve the Efficiency and Fairness of the Local Welfare System."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "§4459-A." of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:
'§4459-A. Establishment of rules and regulations

A program for municipal support of the poor under this chapter shall be operated and administered in accordance with written rules and regulations. Such rules and regulations shall include standards of eligibility for the receipt of general assistance. Such rules and regulations shall be available in the town office and otherwise easily accessible to any member of the public. Notice to that effect shall be posted.

Each municipality shall, no later than 90 days from the effective date of this Act, promulgate written standards of eligibility for relief. Such standards shall:

1. Applications. Provide that all individuals wishing to make application for relief shall have opportunity to do so, and that relief shall be furnished, within municipal guidelines, within 24 hours of the date of submission of an application, to all eligible applicants.

Within 6 months after the effective date of this Act, each municipality shall present to the Commissioner of Health and Welfare, for filing, a copy of the rules and regulations. Any amendment or modification of the municipal welfare rules and

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regulations shall be submitted to the commissioner for filing. Filing would be prima facie evidence of adoption and, if no standards and guidelines are filed within 6 months after adoption, those published by the Maine Municipal Association, under date of November 1, 1972, will govern, unless or until the municipality adopts and files its own standards and guidelines.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§4498." of section 2 by inserting after the underlined words "evidentiary hearing" in the 5th line (same in L. D.) the underlined words 'to be held'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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