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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 111TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

7 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 717, 8 L.D. 1963, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Certain Provi-9 sions in the Recodification of the General Assistance 10 Law."

11 Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all 12 of paragraph A (page 1, lines 24 to 27 in L.D.) and 13 inserting in its place the following:

14 'A. Existing employment or participation in a 15 vecational training or primary or secondary edu-16 cational program which would, or in a training 17 program which is either approved or determined, 18 or both, by the Department of Labor to be reason-19 ably expected to assist the individual in se-20 curing employment;'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "<u>§4320.</u>" in the 2nd paragraph (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word and punctuation '<u>mortgage.</u>' the following:

25 'The lien notification shall clearly inform the re-26 cipient of the limitations upon enforcement contained 27 in this section; it shall also contain the title, ad-28 dress and telephone number of the municipal official 29 who granted the assistance. A new written notice in-30 cluding these provisions shall be given to the recip-31 ient each time the amount secured by the lien is increased. 32

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part
designated "§4320." by inserting after the 3rd para graph the following:

'The costs of securing and enforcing the lien may

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1 be recoverable upon enforcement.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "<u>§4322.</u>" in the first paragraph by striking out all of the 3rd sentence (page 3, lines 19 to 24 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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6 'After 24 hours from the time a person applies for 7 general assistance, or immediately after a person re-8 ceives notice that an approved application has been 9 revoked, that person may request an appeal within 5 10 Within 5 working days of receiving a werking days-11 written notice of denial, reduction or termination of 12 assistance, in accordance with the provisions of sec-13 tion 4321, or within 10 working days after any other act or failure to act by the municipality with regard 14 to an application for assistance, the person may re-15 16 quest an appeal.

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "<u>§4322.</u>" in the first paragraph in the l0th line from the end (page 3, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "7 werking calendar" and inserting in its place the following: '7 5 working'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "<u>§4322.</u>" in the 2nd paragraph in the 8th line (page 3, line 42 in L.D.) by inserting after the figure "5" the underlined word 'working'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies that the requirement to work does not apply to a participant in a training program which has been approved or determined by the Department of Labor as likely to assist the individual in securing employment. Eligible post-secondary students will not be excused from workfare requirements.

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The new language added to the section on liens

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ensures that the recipient will understand the terms of the lien, by requiring the filing of a written notice on issuance of the lien and each time it is increased. The administrative costs of the lien may be enforceable.

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