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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1061, L.D. 1483, Bill, "An Act to Make General Assistance More Available to Homeless People and Clarify the Definition of Need"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 577, §1, is amended to read:

1. Basic necessities. "Basic necessities" means food, clothing, shelter, fuel, electricity, nonelective medical services as recommended by a physician, nonprescription drugs, telephone where it is necessary for medical reasons and any other commodity or service determined essential by the overseer in accordance with the municipality's ordinance and this chapter.'

Further amend the bill by striking out sections 3, 4 and 5 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4308, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 489, §§5 and 14, is amended to read:

In order to receive assistance from any municipality, the applicant or a duly authorized representative must make written application to the overseer, except as provided in section 4304, subsection 3, and except that in an emergency the application may be made verbally and assistance shall be granted temporarily. Further assistance shall be granted upon completion of a written application and determination of eligibility.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment removes the bill's requirement that assistance be granted for one month and clarifies the permission to municipalities to grant assistance to residents of emergency shelters without an application in writing.