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House of Representatives, February 18, 1994

An Act to Amend the General Assistance Standard of Need.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough. Cosponsored by Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, GEAN of Alfred, MURPHY of Berwick, Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, PARADIS of Aroostook.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4305, sub-§3-B, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. AAA, §3, is further amended to read:

Temporary maximum levels. Notwithstanding subsection 3-A, municipalities shall establish an aggregate maximum level of assistance that is 110% of the applicable existing housing fair market rents effective on October 1, 1992, as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 888.115, applying the zero-bedroom level for one person, the one-bedroom level for 2 persons, the 2-bedroom level for 3 persons, the 3-bedroom level for 4 persons and the 4-bedroom level for 5 persons. For each additional person, the aggregate maximum level For the purposes of this subsection, increases by \$75. municipalities with populations greater than 10,000 are deemed Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas in those counties for which there are 2 fair market rent values and the aggregate maximum level of assistance for all Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas is 110% of the average of the fair market rental values for the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas and areas that are not Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas for each county in which there are 2 fair market rental values.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the standard of need for general assistance from the standard applied by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development fair market rental values, which are inappropriate in the State, to the standard in effect on July 1, 1993, which is appropriate. Funding for general assistance was calculated based upon the July 1, 1993 standard. This bill also corrects the standard of calculation for metropolitan areas, which was intended to be subject to the 110% of average fair market value coefficient.

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This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.

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