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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 882, L.D. 1199, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Adequate Nutrition and Support for Low-income Legal Immigrants"

Amend the amendment by striking all of the 3rd indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 30 and 31 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 (page 2, lines 14 to 43 in L.D.)'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 (page 1, lines 36 to 49 and page 2, lines 2 to 13 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Family Independence - Central

All Other \$279,960

Provides funds for a monthly food benefit to certain legal immigrants and related costs.

State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income

All Other (295,724)

2 Deappropriates funds
available due to a projected
4 fiscal year 1997-98 balance
forward.

8 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
TOTAL

(\$15,764)

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12 **Sec. 4. Effective date.** This Act takes effect September 1,
1998.'

14 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
16 consecutively.

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FISCAL NOTE

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22 This amendment reduces the costs of the bill and generates
net General Fund savings of \$15,764 in fiscal year 1998-99.
24 General Fund appropriations totalling \$555,432 in fiscal year
1998-99 are replaced with a General Fund appropriation of
\$279,960 for the food benefit costs and a General Fund
26 deappropriation of \$295,724 from savings available from a
projected balance forward from fiscal year 1997-98 in the State
Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income program.
28 Additional General Fund appropriations may be required beginning
in fiscal year 1999-2000 to fund the ongoing costs of the food
30 benefit, estimated to be \$315,000. The amounts required will
depend on the amount of permanent savings in the State Supplement
32 to Federal Supplemental Security Income program that is available
to offset the additional costs.

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SUMMARY

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38 This amendment eliminates the provision concerning
supplemental security income for legal immigrants. It provides
40 funding for a food benefit for legal aliens from savings
available in the State Supplement to the Federal Supplemental
Security Income program.

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46 SPONSORED BY: Sen. Michaud
(Senator MICHAUD) JB

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COUNTY: Penobscot

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