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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 179, L.D. 257, Bill, "An Act to Change the Municipal General Assistance Shelter Allowance"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding General Assistance'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4308, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. AAA, §6, is further amended to read:

2. Emergencies. A person who does not have sufficient resources to provide one or more basic necessities in an emergency is eligible for emergency general assistance, even when that applicant has been found ineligible for nonemergency general assistance, except as provided in this subsection.

A. A person who is currently disqualified from general assistance for a violation of section 4315, 4316-A or 4317 is ineligible for emergency assistance under this subsection.

B. Municipalities may by standards adopted in municipal ordinances restrict the disbursement of emergency assistance to alleviate emergency situations to the extent that those situations could not have been averted by the applicant's

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use of income and resources for basic necessities. The person requesting assistance shall provide evidence of income and resources for the applicable time period.

A municipality may provide emergency assistance when the municipality determines that an emergency is imminent and that failure to provide assistance may result in undue hardship and unnecessary costs.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the bill. It changes the bill title. It allows municipalities to provide emergency assistance under the general assistance program when an emergency is imminent and failure to respond may result in undue hardship and unnecessary costs.