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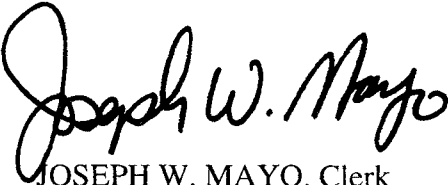
H.P. 1470

House of Representatives, March 30, 1999

An Act to Ensure Adequate Nutrition for Low-income Legal Aliens.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and
Representatives: KANE of Saco, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senators: PARADIS of
Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox.

2 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** Maine law providing food stamps to needy legal
aliens will terminate on June 30, 1999 unless action is taken
prior to that date; and

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10 **Whereas,** individuals who lose this assistance will suffer
from hunger as a result of the repeal of that law; and

12 **Whereas,** the cost of providing food to these needy
individuals will likely be shifted to Maine's cities and towns
through their local general assistance programs; and

16 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
18 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
20 safety; now, therefore,

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

24 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104-A, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.
731, §1 and affected by §3, is repealed.

26 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
28 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides for the continuation of food stamp
34 assistance to low-income legal aliens after June 30, 1999.