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H.P. 1709

House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

An Act to Remove Certain Barriers for Low-income Working Parents.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and
Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, PEAVEY of Woolwich, SAVAGE of Union,
TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§13 is enacted to read:**

6 **13. Categorical eligibility.** The department shall adopt
8 rules that maximize access to the food stamp program for
10 households that include a minor child, but do not receive a
12 monthly cash assistance grant from the Temporary Assistance for
14 Needy Families program. Under rules adopted pursuant to this
16 subsection, certain of these families must be authorized to
18 receive referral services provided through the Temporary
20 Assistance to Needy Families block grant and be categorically
22 eligible for food stamps in accordance with federal law. Rules
24 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules
26 as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

SUMMARY

20 The purposes of this bill are to provide information about
22 services to help low-income families maintain employment and to
24 eliminate certain barriers to receiving food stamps for those
26 families. Under current law there is a vehicle asset limit that
28 prevents certain families that own dependable vehicles from
receiving food stamps. This bill authorizes certain low-income
households to receive referral services through the Temporary
Assistance to Needy Families block grant, and makes such
households categorically eligible for food stamps.