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No. 1963

H.P. 1466

House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility for General Assistance.

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNCAN of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and

Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PERKINS of Penobscot, PINKHAM of Lamoine, ROSEN of Bucksport, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§8-A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 840, §3, is amended to read:

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8-A. Lump sum payment. "Lump sum payment" means a one-time or typically nonrecurring sum of money issued to an applicant or recipient ~~after--an--initial--application.~~ Lump sum payment includes, but is not limited to, retroactive or settlement portions of social security benefits, workers' compensation payments, unemployment benefits, disability income, veterans' benefits, severance pay benefits, or money received from inheritances, lottery winnings, personal injury awards, property damage claims or divorce settlements. A lump sum payment includes only the amount of money available to the applicant after payment of required deductions has been made from the gross lump sum payment. A lump sum payment does not include conversion of a nonliquid resource to a liquid resource if the liquid resource has been used or is intended to be used to replace the converted resource or for other necessary expenses.

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SUMMARY

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This bill amends the definition of a "lump sum payment" governing eligibility for general assistance to be consistent with other portions of the law.

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