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## 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1965

S.P. 755

In Senate, January 17, 2006

An Act To Ensure the Ability of Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Their Citizens

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
	as emergencies; and
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	Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the
6	expiration of the 90-day period in order to ensure the ability of
	municipalities to provide assistance to their citizens; and
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	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
10	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
12	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
	safety; now, therefore,
14	Do id amounted by the Decade of the Canta of Maine or follows:
3.6	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
16	Con 1 20 A MDCA 95721 A cub 91 6D
18	Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5721-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as affected by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. C, §5 and amended by c. 12, Pt. WW, §11 and affected by
10	§§15 and 16, is further amended to read:
20	3315 and 10, is fulched amended to read:
20	D. "Property tax levy" means the total annual municipal
22	appropriations, excluding amounts appropriated to support a
	general assistance program pursuant to Title 22, chapter
24	1161, assessments properly issued by a county of which the
	municipality is a member and amounts governed by and
26	appropriated in accordance with Title 20-A, chapter 606-B,
	and amounts appropriated to pay assessments properly issued
28	by a school administrative unit or tuition for students or
	amounts attributable to a tax increment financing district
30	agreement or similar special tax district, reduced by all
	resources available to fund those appropriations other than
32	the property tax.
34	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the

preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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## **SUMMARY**

This bill exempts from the municipal property tax cap 40 amounts appropriated by a municipality to support a general 42 assistance program.