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An Act To Establish a Waiting Period for MaineCare Participants

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: CURTIS of Madison,

FLOOD of Winthrop, LEWIN of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, NUTTING of Oakland,

TARDY of Newport, Senators: COURTNEY of York, RAYE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §2, is amended
3 to read:

4 **2. Residence.** Is living in the State at the date of the application; ~~and~~

5 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 178, is further
6 amended to read:

7 **3. Inmate.** Is not an inmate of any public institution, except as a patient in a medical
8 institution or an inmate during the month in which ~~he~~ the applicant becomes an inmate
9 only to the extent permitted by federal law, but an inmate of such an institution may file
10 application for aid and any allowance made ~~thereon shall take~~ takes effect and ~~be is~~ paid
11 upon ~~his~~ that inmate's ceasing to be an inmate of such institution; and

12 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3174, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

13 **4. Waiting period.** Except in an emergency, has waited a period of 30 days after the
14 filing of an application. For purposes of this section, "emergency" means not having
15 sufficient resources to provide one or more basic necessities.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill establishes a waiting period of 30 days before a person may receive
18 assistance except in an emergency situation.