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H.P. 170

House of Representatives, January 27, 2011

**An Act To Require an Applicant for State Assistance To Show Proof
of Legal Residence in the United States and Proof of Residency for
at Least the Previous 90 Days in This State**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, WEAVER of York and
Representatives: CELLI of Brewer, CRAFTS of Lisbon, CURTIS of Madison, CUSHING of
Hampden, DAVIS of Sangerville, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SARTY of Denmark, WILLETTE
of Mapleton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

3 15. Residency. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section and section
4 3104-A, beginning January 1, 2012 the department may not provide food supplement
5 program benefits to an applicant who is not a legal resident of the United States and a
6 resident of this State.

7 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3195** is enacted to read:

8 **§3195. Residency**

9 Beginning January 1, 2012, it is a condition of eligibility for assistance under this
10 chapter that an applicant be a legal resident of the United States and a resident of this
11 State. The department shall require an applicant for assistance under this chapter to
12 demonstrate that the applicant meets this condition. The department shall adopt rules to
13 implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules
14 under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

15 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3769-D** is enacted to read:

16 **§3769-D. Residency**

17 Beginning January 1, 2012, it is a condition of eligibility for assistance under this
18 chapter that an applicant be a legal resident of the United States and a resident of this
19 State. The department shall require an applicant for assistance under this chapter to
20 demonstrate that the applicant meets this condition. The department shall adopt rules to
21 implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules
22 under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill provides that an applicant for state assistance under the Temporary
25 Assistance for Needy Families program, the MaineCare program or the food stamp
26 program must be a legal resident of the United States and a resident of this State.