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House of Representatives, March 12, 2013

### An Act Regarding Residency Requirements for General Assistance

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford and  
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CHENETTE of  
Saco, MAKER of Calais, PARRY of Arundel, REED of Carmel, SANDERSON of Chelsea,  
SIROCKI of Scarborough.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §15,  
3 is amended to read:

4 A. A resident of the municipality. For the purposes of this section, a "resident"  
5 means a person who is physically present in a municipality ~~with the intention of~~  
6 ~~remaining in that municipality to maintain or establish a home and who has no other~~  
7 ~~residence~~; and who:

8 (1) If licensed to drive, has obtained or applied for a driver's license issued by  
9 this State;

10 (2) If the owner of a motor vehicle, has registered that motor vehicle in the  
11 municipality; or

12 (3) If registered to vote, has registered in the municipality; and

13 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 349,  
14 Pt. H, §15, is repealed.

15 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

16 **3-A. Durational residency requirement.** A municipality may establish a durational  
17 residency requirement, not to exceed 6 months, for general assistance for a person who is  
18 not a resident of the State.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill amends the municipal general assistance requirements to establish criteria to  
21 determine residency in a municipality, including the requirement that a person be  
22 registered to vote in that municipality or have a Maine driver's license. This bill also  
23 permits a municipality to establish a durational residency requirement of up to 6 months  
24 before a person who is not a resident of the State may apply for general assistance.