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## 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2015

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No. 368

S.P. 136

In Senate, February 12, 2015

An Act To Integrate the State's General Assistance and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator: MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, GUERIN of Glenburn, VACHON of Scarborough.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. OO, §4, is
3	further amended to read:
4	3. Eligible person. "Eligible person" means a person who is qualified to receive
5	general assistance from a municipality according to standards of eligibility determined by
6	the municipal officers whether or not that person has applied for general assistance.
7	"Eligible person" does not include a person who is a fugitive from justice as defined in
8	Title 15, section 201, subsection 4. "Eligible person" does not include a person who is
9	ineligible to receive benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
10	program pursuant to section 3762, subsection 18.
11	SUMMARY
12	This bill provides that a person who has exhausted the 60-month lifetime limit on
13	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits is ineligible to receive
14	municipal general assistance program benefits.