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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 137,
9 L.D. 369, Bill, "An Act To Align Municipal General Assistance Programs with the
10 Immigration Status Policies of the Department of Health and Human Services "

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Amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, lines
12 19 to 26 in amendment) and inserting the following:

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3. Eligible person. "Eligible person" means a person who is qualified to receive
14 general assistance from a municipality according to standards of eligibility determined by
15 the municipal officers whether or not that person has applied for general assistance.
16 "Eligible person" does not include a person who is a fugitive from justice as defined in
17 Title 15, section 201, subsection 4. Beginning July 1, 2015, in accordance with 8 United
18 States Code, Section 1621(d), "eligible person" means a person who is lawfully present in
19 the United States or who is pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief,
20 except that assistance for such a person may not exceed 24 months.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment allows a person, beginning July 1, 2015, who is lawfully present in
23 the United States or who is pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief to
24 qualify for general assistance, but only for 24 months.

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SPONSORED BY: Amy Volk

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(Senator VOLK)

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COUNTY: Cumberland

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 369

LR 598(06)

An Act To Align Municipal General Assistance Programs with the Immigration Status Policies of the Department of Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-292)

Sponsor: Sen. Volk of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will put a 24-month limit on general assistance benefits for persons who are lawfully present or pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief. This change may create some savings, but due to the transitory nature of the program any savings are expected to be minor.