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L.D. 369

Date: 6/15/15

(Filing No. S-272)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

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127TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. OO, §4, is further amended to read:

3. Eligible person. "Eligible person" means a person who is qualified to receive general assistance from a municipality according to standards of eligibility determined by the municipal officers whether or not that person has applied for general assistance. "Eligible person" does not include a person who is a fugitive from justice as defined in Title 15, section 201, subsection 4. "Eligible person" also does not include:

A. An alien who is not a qualified alien as defined in 8 United States Code, Section 1641;

B. A nonimmigrant under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 United States Code, Section 1101 et seq.; or

C. An alien who is paroled into the United States under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 United States Code, Section 1182(d)(5) for less than one year.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130

Initiative: Deappropriates funds due to savings achieved related to a person's immigration status making that person ineligible to receive municipal general assistance program benefits.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT





# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 369

LR 598(03)

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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B"(S-272)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	(\$3,112,981)	(\$3,112,981)	(\$3,112,981)	(\$3,112,981)
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	(\$3,112,981)	(\$3,112,981)	(\$3,112,981)	(\$3,112,981)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund deappropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$3,112,981 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to the General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns program associated with the change in eligibility for a person who has been determined ineligible to receive benefits administered by the Department of Health and Human Services on the basis of a law, rule or regulation related to that person's immigration status now also being ineligible to receive municipal general assistance program benefits. The department had already stopped making this type of General Assistance payment on June 15th, 2014 based on a federal law (Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996) which made not qualified immigrants ineligible for state and local public benefit programs. However, there was never a baseline reduction to the appropriation for this change in June of 2014, and the deappropriations in this bill will fully book the savings.