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

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, GUERIN of Glenburn.

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

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

4 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 5 the municipal officers whether or not that person has applied for general assistance. 6 "Eligible person" does not include a person who is a fugitive from justice as defined in 7 Title 15, section 201, subsection 4. "Eligible person" does not include a person who has 8 9 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 10 <u>immigration st</u>atus. 11

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SUMMARY

13 This bill provides that a person who has been determined ineligible to receive 14 benefits administered by the Department of Health and Human Services on the basis of a 15 law, rule or regulation related to that person's immigration status is ineligible to receive 16 municipal general assistance program benefits.