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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 363, L.D. 1037, Bill, "An Act To Establish a 180-day Residency Requirement for Welfare Benefits"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8-A in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "assistance" the following: 'through a state-funded program'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8-A by adding at the end the following:

'This subsection does not apply to a victim of domestic violence.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 to 4 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3273, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Residency requirement for state-funded supplemental security income. An applicant for assistance through a state-funded supplemental income benefit must prove to the department that the applicant has been physically present for 180 days or longer in the State prior to applying for the state-funded supplemental income benefit. Acceptable proof or residency includes, but is not limited to:

A. A tax return, W-2 form or paycheck stub;

B. A utility bill or a letter from a utility company showing application for service;

C. A contract to which the applicant is a party; or

D. A document issued by a governmental entity.

This subsection does not apply to a victim of domestic violence.'

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 11 in the first line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "assistance" the following: 'through a state-funded program'

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 11 by adding at the end the following:

'This subsection does not apply to a victim of domestic violence.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 363, L.D. 1037

1 'Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §15,
2 is amended to read:

3 A. A resident of the municipality. For the purposes of this section, a "resident"
4 means a person who is has been physically present for 180 days or longer in a
5 municipality with the intention of remaining in that municipality to maintain or
6 establish a home and who has no other residence; ~~and~~ or a person who is a victim of
7 domestic violence.

8 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
9 section number to read consecutively.

10 SUMMARY

11 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment establishes
12 a 180-day residency requirement for state-funded Temporary Assistance for Needy
13 Families, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and supplemental security income
14 and the general assistance program. It does not apply to benefits that include federal
15 funding. A victim of domestic violence is not subject to the 180-day residency
16 requirement.

17 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

18 (See attached)



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An Act To Establish a 180-day Residency Requirement for Welfare Benefits

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-263)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill may produce savings to the Department of Health and Human Services. As the department does not have the data necessary to determine how many individuals may not meet the 180-day residency requirement and thus not be eligible to receive a state-funded assistance program, no estimate of savings is made.