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House of Representatives, December 11, 2025

An Act to Ensure Access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Maine

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 9, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104-A, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Definition. As used in this section, "noncitizen legally admitted to the United States" includes, without limitation, any person who:

A. Is pursuing any lawful immigration process;

B. Has permanent residence in the United States under color of law; or

C. Was eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as of July 3, 2025 but is no longer eligible for federally funded food assistance benefits pursuant to the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Public Law 119-21 (2025).

SUMMARY

This bill provides that in the laws governing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the term "noncitizen legally admitted to the United States" includes, without limitation, any person who is pursuing any lawful immigration process, who has permanent residence in the United States under color of law or who was eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as of July 3, 2025 but is no longer eligible for federally funded food assistance benefits pursuant to the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act.