

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2015**

**9. Rules; application procedure.** The authority shall adopt rules to implement this section, including rules governing the application process for the fund. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**10. Report.** Beginning December 15, 2016, the authority shall provide an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters on the grants distributed from the fund and an analysis of the fund's activities that have addressed the need for expansion of ultra high-speed broadband access in the State.

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

**CONNECTME AUTHORITY**

**Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund N185**

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 324  
S.P. 137 - L.D. 369**

**An Act To Clarify the Immigration Status of Noncitizens Eligible for General Assistance**

**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:

**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. Beginning July 1, 2015, in accor-

dance with 8 United States Code, Section 1621(d), "eligible person" means a person who is lawfully present in the United States or who is pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief, except that assistance for such a person may not exceed 24 months.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 325  
H.P. 941 - L.D. 1391**

**An Act Regarding the Treatment of Forensic Patients**

**Emergency preamble.** **Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect as soon as possible in order to provide an environment that is safe and secure for hospital staff and to reduce costs associated with lost work time due to injuries to staff; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §§106, 107 and 108** are enacted to read:

**§106. Involuntary medication of incompetent defendant**

**1. Definition.** As used in this section, "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee.

**2. Notice required; contents.** At any time after a defendant has been found incompetent to proceed and has been committed to the custody of the commissioner under section 101-D, subsection 5, the commissioner shall notify the court, prosecuting attorney and attorney for the defendant if the commissioner has determined that the defendant is not consenting to or responding to treatment and is unlikely to be restored to competency without the administration of psychiatric medication over the defendant's objection. The commissioner shall provide this notice only if there is no basis for involuntarily medicating the defendant other than to restore the defendant's competency. The commissioner shall state in the notice whether the commissioner believes that: