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necessities in an emergency is eligible for emergency general assistance, even when that applicant has been found ineligible for nonemergency general assistance, except as provided in this subsection.

A. A person who is currently disqualified from general assistance for a violation of section 4315, 4316-A or 4317 is ineligible for emergency assistance under this subsection.

B. Municipalities may by standards adopted in municipal ordinances restrict the disbursement of emergency assistance to alleviate emergency situations to the extent that those situations could not have been averted by the applicant's use of income and resources for basic necessities. The person requesting assistance shall provide evidence of income and resources for the applicable time period.

A municipality may provide emergency assistance when the municipality determines that an emergency is imminent and that failure to provide assistance may result in undue hardship and unnecessary costs.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4309, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Presumptive eligibility. The overseer in a municipality shall presume eligibility to receive general assistance of a person who is provided shelter in an emergency shelter for the homeless located in that municipality. After 30 days, that person's eligibility must be redetermined. When presumptive eligibility is determined under this subsection, no other municipality may be determined to be the municipality of responsibility during that 30-day period.

Sec. 4. Work group. The Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a work group of stakeholders to study the municipal general assistance program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1161 to determine more efficient methods of distributing general assistance benefits to individuals, review differential effects on service center municipalities and other municipalities of providing general assistance, devise equitable methods of establishing the municipality of responsibility and develop services to reduce homelessness and reliance on homeless shelters. The stakeholders must include, but are not limited to, the Maine State Housing Authority and organizations representing mayors, municipalities, general assistance providers, clients of services and other appropriate persons. The department shall report its findings, together with recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 2, 2020.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 516
H.P. 621 - L.D. 847**

An Act To Ensure Persons with Disabilities Have Access to Public Rest Rooms

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4594-G, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Single-occupancy toilet facilities; qualifying new construction. Beginning January 1, 2020, new construction of a public building, as defined in subsection 6, must include single-occupancy toilet facilities that meet the standards of construction required by this section. This subsection applies to new construction for which the maximum occupant capacity exceeds 100 individuals.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 517
H.P. 629 - L.D. 855**

An Act To Strengthen the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9723, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 424, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

2. Training program standards; implementation. The committee shall direct the training coordinator of the Division of Building Codes and Standards, established in Title 25, section 2372, to develop a training program for municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors. The Department of ~~Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development~~ Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A, shall implement the training and certification program established under this chapter.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2372, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 633, §9, is further amended to read:

2. Staff. The commissioner may appoint ~~or~~ and may remove for cause staff of the division, including:

A. A technical codes coordinator certified in building standards pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 2-A, paragraph E, who serves as the division director and principal administrative and supervisory employee of the board. The tech-