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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2024**

**CHAPTER 501  
S.P. 865 - L.D. 2037**

**An Act to Align the  
Supplemental Nutrition  
Assistance Program with  
Federal Regulations**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§16**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. OO, §12, is further amended to read:

**16. Certain lottery and gambling winners ineligible.** A recipient of household receiving food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program may be denied food assistance as described in this subsection.

A. ~~Lottery Gross lottery and gambling winnings of \$5,000 or more, actually received after any offsets to the winnings required by law by an individual in the recipient's household within one calendar month equal to or greater than the maximum allowable financial resource limit for elderly or disabled households, as provided in federal regulations governing SNAP, won in a single game disqualifies the household from receiving food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program until financial eligibility guidelines set forth in department rule are met.~~

B. The department shall enter into an agreement with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, pursuant to which the bureau shall provide the department with reports no less than monthly to assist the department in determining whether ~~an individual in the recipient's household a recipient of SNAP benefits~~ has received lottery and gambling winnings of ~~\$5,000 or more within one calendar month equal to or greater than the maximum allowable financial resource limit for elderly or disabled households, as provided in federal regulations governing SNAP.~~

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 502  
H.P. 1264 - L.D. 1967**

**An Act to Support Municipal  
Franchise Agreements**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3008, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 548, §1, is further amended to read:

C. To provide adequate statutory authority to municipalities to make franchising and regulatory decisions to implement this policy and to avoid the costs and uncertainty of lawsuits challenging that authority; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3008, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 548, §1, is amended to read:

D. To ensure that all ~~cable television operators~~ video service providers receive the same treatment with respect to franchising and regulatory processes and to encourage new providers to provide competitive pressure on the pricing of such services; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §3008, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. Consistent with the applicable requirements of this section, to prohibit a video service provider from offering or providing its services within a municipality unless it has entered into a franchise agreement or contract with the municipality pursuant to this section.

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §3008, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 548, §1, is amended to read:

**1-A. Definitions.** ~~For purposes of~~ As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings:

A. "Cable system operator" has the same meaning as "cable operator," as that term is defined in 47 United States Code, Section 522(5), as in effect on January 1, 2008; ~~and~~

B. "Cable television service" has the same meaning as "cable service," as that term is defined in 47 United States Code, Section 522(6), as in effect on January 1, 2008; ~~and~~

C. "Cable television system" has the same meaning as "cable system," as that term is defined in 47 United States Code, Section 522(7), as in effect on January 1, 2008.

D. "Affiliate" means a business entity effectively controlling or controlled by another person or associated with other persons under common ownership or control.

E. "Application" means an interactive computer or software program operating on a device that provides for the reception of transmitted or streamed video, audio or other digital content from a video service provider over the Internet or other electronic communications network in real time or near real time, allowing a user to receive such content